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World Map

RIMURU TEMPEST
(Satoru Mikami)

From another world. Formerly human, reincarnated as a slime. Demon Lord.

VELDORA TEMPEST
(Storm Dragon Veldora)

Rimuru's friend and name-giver. A Catastrophe-class monster.

SHIZUE IZAWA

An otherworlder summoned from wartime Japan. Deceased.

RIGURD

Government overseer.

GOBTA

Goblin Rider captain.

RANGA

Tempest Star Wolf. Hides in Rimuru's shadow.

BENIMARU

Kijin. Samurai general.

SHUNA

Holy princess.

SHION

Samurai. Rimuru's bodyguard. Secretary.

SOEI

Spy.

HAKURO

Instructor.

TREYNI

Dryas Doll Dryad.

GABIRU

Lieutenant of the development division.

GELD

Orc King.

DIABLO

A demon who serves Rimuru.

MILIM NAVA

One of the oldest Demon Lords. Catastrophe-class threat. Childish.

YOUM

Human. Champion. From the Kingdom of Falmuth.

MJURRAN

Majin. Wizard.

GRUCIUS

Lycanthrope. Warrior of Eurazania.

ARMRED NATION OF DWARGON

KINGDOM OF FALMUTH

KINGDOM OF ENGRASSIA

GREAT FOREST OF JURA

PUPPET NATION DISTAVE

KINGDOM OF BLUMUND

SEALED CAVE

TEMPEST, LAND OF MONSTERS

THE WESTERN NATIONS

SORCEROUS DYNASTY OF THALION

ANIMAL KINGDOM OF EURAZANIA

PLOT SUMMARY

In the Holy Empire of Lubelius, Hinata and the Ten Great Saints hold a meeting about the Storm Dragon's return and the birth of a new Demon Lord. Hinata seeks a dialogue with Rimuru to ascertain the truth of his monster nation, but Rimuru issues a challenge in the message brought back by Archbishop Reyhiem. Reyhiem's attitude and Rimuru's message, make it clear that the Seven Days Clergy are plotting something, yet Hinata heads to the nation of monsters alone, regardless.

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FWAP

AHH, SUCH BEAUTY ...

FZZ...

FNNSSH!!

ビュゥゥゥ...

Ahh...

...Luminus finds it enticing.

But despite the burns it inflicts with each touch...

The Ark...

This coffin's holy power is so great that it's like poison to the vampiric Demon Lord.

Because the girl encased within this ark is someone very, very special...

LADY LUMINUS.

TSK

FORGIVE ME, MY LADY.

THERE IS NEWS I WISH TO IMPART.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, LOUIS?

WHAT HAP-PENED?

YOU SEE...

BUT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE SEVEN DAYS CLERGY HAVE INTERFERED.

HINATA HAS TAKEN DIRECT ACTION...

...TO STEM THE ENMITY WITH DEMON LORD RIMURU.

HE SHOULD NOT HAVE TROUBLED YOU WITH THIS TRIFLING ISSUE, MY LADY.

THIS MAN DOES NOT RECOG-NIZE TRUE PRIORI-TIES.

I'M SORRY, GUNTHER.

...

...

I THOUGHT I TOLD HINATA TO STAY PUT.

CON-
CERNED
OVER
TRIVIAL
HUMAN
ACTIONS,
HONESTLY.

WE OUGHT
TO BE
WARY OF
RIMURU,
NOT
STARTING
TROUBLE.

BUT IF WE LET
THIS SPI-
RAL OUT OF
CONTROL, WE
MIGHT LOSE
HINATA, TOO.

YOU
TOO,
GUN-
THER.

BE QUIET,
LOUIS.

IF HINATA
DIES, THEN
LADY LU-
MINUS...

I HAVE
COME TO
WARN HER
SO THAT IT
DOES NOT
COME TO
THAT.

*WITH THE
LOSS OF
ROY, I
SUPPOSE
I NEED TO
REDEFINE
THEIR
ROLES.*

*I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
DO ABOUT
THEIR TER-
RITORIAL
SQUAB-
BLING.*

I'M
SORRY,
MY
LADY.

MM.

COME WITH ME, YOU TWO.

YES, MY LADY.

SWISH

WELL, I GUESS THERE'S NO TIME TO RELAX.

WAIT FOR ME, WON'T YOU?

CREAAK

DOOOM...

WHOOSH

ISH

CHAPTER 93

Clash of the Holy and Demonic

CONSID-
ERABLE
GROWTH
IN A
SHORT
PERIOD.

oo

VSHH

Hinata's Unique Skill, Usurper...

BEFORE, YOU WEREN'T EVEN A VALID TARGET FOR USURPER...

IDENTIFICATION SUCCESSFUL

If the target is especially powerful, the identification has a chance to fail.

IDENTIFICATION INELIGIBLE

If the target is too weak, they won't qualify as a target.

...analyzing overall status and "usurping," or copying, the powers of stronger foes.

It looks at skills, physical ability, and arts...

NOW THAT YOU'RE A DEMON LORD...

...YOU ARE UNBELIEVABLY STRONG.

TO A HUMAN BEING, IT SEEMS UNFAIR.

TRULY... UNFAIR.

...WAS WITH LADY LUMINAS.

THE FIRST TIME I SAW THIS...

IDENTIFICATION OBSTRUCTED

Hah

HH ZSH HH ZSH

CLANG HH

THERE'S A LOT OF REASONS WHY I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.

FWIP

MEANING YOU'VE REACHED THE SAME LEVEL AS LADY LUMINUS...

BWOOSH

WHAT? IS SHE YIELDING?

FWOOO

WHAT'S THAT...?

ANSWER: MANIFES-TATION OF HOLY POWER DETECTED.

A HOLY-TYPE WEAPON DESIGNED TO FIGHT MONSTERS.

IF I DON'T WIN, I'LL NEVER GET A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN MYSELF.

IT'S THE OPPOSITE OF THE LAST TIME.

ナイフ

フォーク

MY ONLY HOPE...

...IS THE DIFFER-ENCE IN OUR COMBAT EXPERI-ENCE.

VICTORY IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN MAKE UP FOR MY MISTAKE NOW.

SHE SURE TALKS A BIG GAME FOR A MONSTER.

AN ONI?

A KIJIN... NO, AN EVEN HIGHER SPECIES.

SUB-MISSION... OR DEATH?

IN SOME REGIONS, SHE MIGHT BE MORE AKIN...

...TO A REVERED LOCAL GOD.

IF SHE'S AN ONI, THAT PUTS HER AT CALAMITY-CLASS...

BENIMARU AND THE OTHERS WHO ARE FIGHTING YOUR FRIENDS ARE ONI.

BUT I EVOLVED ALONG A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PATH.

YOU'RE NOT FAR OFF. BUT YOU *ARE* OFF.

I'M A WICKED ONI.

I'M FAR MORE CRUEL THAN YOU THINK.

DOOM

LUMINUS IS THE ONLY GOD WE RECOGNIZE!

ONI OR LOCAL DEITY, IT MEANS NOTHING TO US.

YOU FOUL CREATURE.

SO, HOW ABOUT ASWERING MY QUES-TION.

WELL, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR GOD, EITHER.

YOU FOOLISHLY DEFILE GOD WITH YOUR EVERY WORD.

AND NOW YOU MUST BE EXORCISED FROM THE WORLD!

SHREEE

BOOM

HOLY CANNON !!

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

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WA
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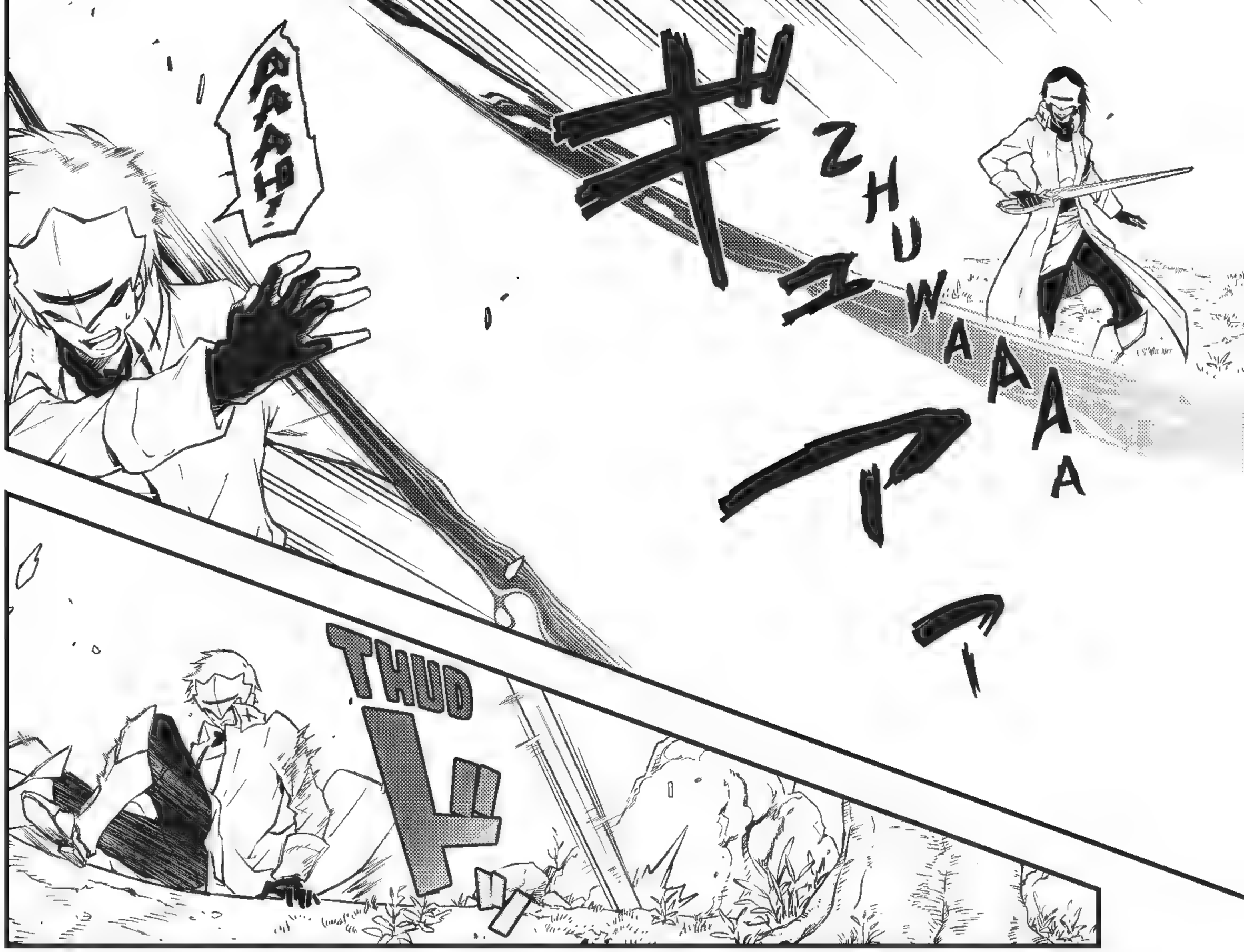
SHWIK

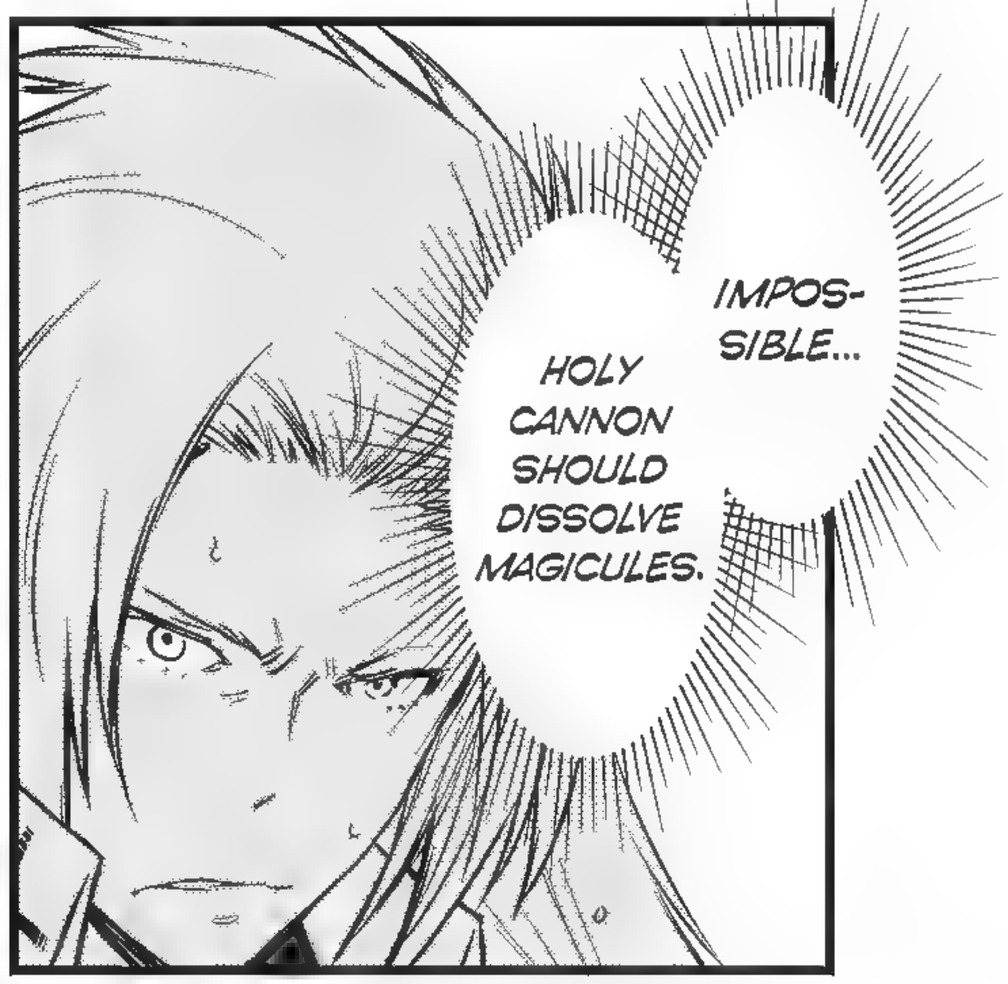
THWAACK

WHA ...?

BA-CHING


PAAH!
ZHUWAAAA
THUD

IT DOESN'T DO MUCH AGAINST PEOPLE, BUT IT HAS DEADLY EFFECTS AGAINST MONSTERS.


IMPOS-SIBLE...
HOLY CANNON SHOULD DISSOLVE MAGICULES.

I ASKED YOU A QUESTION: SUBMISSION OR DEATH?
SHE COULD DODGE IT, SURE, BUT KNOCKING IT BACK? IMPOSSIBLE!

Brr...

IS THIS YOUR ANSWER?

NOW, LISTEN TO ME.

WITHDRAW YOUR FORCES WHILE I'M FEELING GENEROUS.

FOOL! YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE, JUST BECAUSE YOU BLOCKED ONE ATTACK?

GARDE...

THE HOLY FIELD WEAKENS ANY MONSTERS WITHIN ITS AREA OVER TIME.

YOU'RE THE ONE ON THE DEFEN-SIVE HERE.

DEMON LORD RIMURU SAID THAT?

"TRY NOT TO KILL THEM, IF YOU CAN."

SHK

LISTEN, LORD RIMURU TOLD ME...

CLAK...

WE ARE HOLY KNIGHTS. WE DON'T NEGOTIATE WITH MONSTERS.

Home-cooked ...?

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

IF YOU SURRENDER NOW, I WON'T HIT YOU.

I'LL EVEN SERVE YOU A HOME-COOKED MEAL.

DON'T BE TAKEN IN BY HER WORDS!

AND YOU WANT TO VANQUISH ME.

SO, HERE'S MY IDEA...

HEAR ME OUT.

I'M TRYING TO SHOW MY SUPERIORITY WITHOUT ACTUALLY KILLING YOU.

SHA-BAM

IF YOU NEED HER NONSENSE, IT WILL—

A STONE?

WHA ...?!

YOU WRETCH ...

YOU DON'T NEED EARS IF YOU DON'T INTEND TO LISTEN.

LET'S HEAR YOUR SUG-GES-TION.

DID SHE AIM TO TAKE OFF HIS EAR?!

HERE GOES.

YOU GUYS SHOULD USE YOUR BIGGEST ATTACK ON ME.

...

IF I CAN HANDLE IT, I WIN.

THEN YOU BEHAVE AND DO AS I SAY. OKAY?

HUH ...?

DOES SHE ACTUALLY NOT WANT TO KILL US?

WITH SUCH PRECISION AND POWER, SHE COULD HAVE TAKEN HIS HEAD OFF.

ON SECOND THOUGHT, THAT THROW MADE NO SENSE.

ALL RIGHT.

WE ACCEPT YOUR OFFER.

SNAP

SHUT IT! LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH!!

W-WAIT, GARDE, WE NEED TO TALK—

I'LL LEAVE THE CONTROL UP TO YOU, RENARD!

ATTUNE YOUR SPIRITUAL POWER TO MY OWN!

...HER MERE EXISTENCE IS A THREAT.

WHATEVER THAT FOUL ONI INTENDS...

...THAT WE SHOULDN'T HESITATE IN BATTLE.

IT'S TRUE...

AGAINST MONSTERS, VICTORY IS ALWAYS RIGHTEOUS.

OOH

HH

OHHH

GRRRM

ZWOHHH

VOOM

TAKE THIS.

INFERNO FLAME!!

FWOO

HEH! THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

THIS IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO BREAK YOUR SPIRIT!

ZRRD...

Multilayer Barrier

Magic Sense

All-Seeing Eye

Unique Skill: Master Chef
WAAASH

PAMM

IT CAN'T BE...

ZMF

WELL, YOU PROMISED. NOW YOU HAVE TO SURRENDER TO ME.

WE'RE UTTERLY BEATEN... SHE'S JUST TOO STRONG.

ANY FURTHER FIGHTING IS POINT-LESS...

SO, YOU STILL WON'T ADMIT DEFEAT?

YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE ME NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL YOU...

WE'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO WIN... EVEN A BATTLE OF ATTRITION!

N-NON-SENSE! YOU FILTHY BEAST!

AS LONG AS OUR HOLY FIELD EXISTS, YOU CAN DO *NOTHING!*

WHAP

STOP THIS, GARDE! DON'T RILE HER UP!

WE'LL ALL BE SLAUGH-TERED!!

THIS MAKES NO SENSE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

THE HOLY KNIGHTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LOSE, YOU FOOL!

OR DID YOU FOR-GET?!

110

TTTTAK

RAAAK

GARDE'S ALWAYS BEEN SHORT-TEMPERED, BUT HE'S A KEEN MAN.

HE WOULDN'T ...

TEK

THE HOLY FIELD! IT'S...

AAAK

BY A MON-STER?! HOW?!

OUR FIELD OF HOLY POWER, BROKEN...

SHUMP

IT CAN'T BE...

SPIN

YOU SEE, I'M GOOD AT COOK-ING!

I JUST SO HAPPEN TO BE GOOD AT TINKERING WITH NATURAL LAWS.

A SPECIAL FIELD THAT ALTERS NATURAL LAWS, HUH?

...? ??

HOW...? THIS MONSTER CAN'T...

IMPOS-SIBLE...

WOBBLE...

WOULD IT BE... "GUARANTEE RESULTS," THEN?

HE-HEH!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE COOKING COMMENT MEANS...

...BUT I'M GUESSING SHE'S GOT A SKILL THAT GRANTS HER DESIRED RESULTS.

LORD RIMURU HAS A KIND HEART.

HAVE NO CONCERN.

I BESEECH YOU, MERCY FOR MY SUBORDI-NATES...

I YIELD.

H H H

R A A A

NOD

...TO HAVE A DIALOGUE WITH YOUR LEADER. BUT...

THAT'S WHY HE WANTED...

LADY HINATA... AND DEMON LORD RIMURU?!

BUT IF LADY HINATA TRULY WISHED TO JOIN DEMON LORD RIMURU...

...WHY ARE THEY FIGHTING?

HINATA IS TEMPTED TO JOIN RIMURU.

YOU MUST VANQUISH RIMURU.

...THEN SHE WILL STRIVE HER HARDEST TO STOP YOU.

IF WE ARE CORRECT ABOUT THIS...

SO WHY...

WHY ARE THEY FIGHTING?

...THEN HINATA AND RIMURU...

...WOULD HAVE EVERY REASON TO CROSS BLADES.

IF THE SEVEN DAYS CLERGY WERE WRONG...

!!

WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT.

YOU CAME HERE WITH AN ARMY AND ATTACKED US.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HAD I NOT, WOULD THERE BE NO CONFLICT?

I MADE THAT CHOICE.

I BROUGHT THE CRUSADERS HERE TO PROVE LADY HINATA'S INNOCENCE.

IT'S MY FAULT THE NEGOTIA-TIONS FELL APART!

N-NO! LADY HINATA ...!

ZWUSH

WHEN SHE THREW ASIDE HER WEAPON, I THOUGHT SHE WAS WILLING TO TALK.

GUESS I WAS WRONG.

DOOM

DARKFLAME LIGHTNING

BOOM

GRRG...

CLANG

NOW THAT I'M A TRUE DEMON LORD...

...I THOUGHT I'D HAVE THE UPPER HAND.

TZWISH

TZZSH

SHE WAS SHIZU'S APPRENTICE, AFTER ALL.

...BUT HINATA'S GOT A CLEAR EDGE IN EXPERIENCE.

SHH

MY REFLEXES ARE BETTER...

SO, THIS IS HINATA SAKAGUCHI...

...HUMANITY'S GREATEST PROTECTOR.

REALLY? DAMN, I REALLY DON'T WANNA GET HIT NOW.

ALTHOUGH NOT QUITE LETHAL, IT WILL LEAD TO A MAJOR LOSS OF MAGICULES.

AFFIRMATIVE. IT WILL PENETRATE THE MULTILAYER BARRIER.

A HIT FROM THAT POWER-INFUSED SWORD WOULD... PROBABLY BE BAD.

WARNING: NEXT ATTACK INCOMING.

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, RAPHAEL?

...

BA-

BAM

BA-

BA-

BAM

BOOM

HER ATTACK'S KEEP LEADING MY DODGES!

WAIT.

WHOA.

TUT

TUT

HHH
ZSHK

NO WONDER I'M HAVING TROUBLE EVADING ...

SO THAT'S WHY!

ZWIP
ZWIP
ZWIP
ZWIP
ZWIP

ANSWER: YOU ARE BEING LURED INTO ATTACK LOCATIONS.

BSHT

RAPHAEL-SENSEI, HELP ME!!

UH-OH, THIS IS BAD!

PAM

I'M NOT JOKING! THIS IS REALLY BAD!

NOTICE
...

POKER FACE"

YES...

THANK YOU, SENSEI!!

"PREDICT FUTURE ATTACK" SKILL ACQUIRED.

WILL YOU USE IT NOW?

ZWIP ZWIP ZWIP ZWIP ZWIP

NEGATIVE: ACQUIRED, NOT SNAGGED.

UH... RIGHT.

THAT'S MY RAPHAEL-SENSEI, SNAGGING ME THE PERFECT SKILL TO GET ME THROUGH THIS.

SO, SHALL WE WRAP THIS UP NOW?

PEW

I SEE.

MY PARTNER SURE IS RELIABLE.

SKILL LEARNED FROM HINATA SAKA-GUCHI'S ACTIONS.

!!

FWISH

!!

YOU TELL ME. WAS IT?

WAS IT A FLUKE?

HE IGNORED THE FEINT AND ATTACKED.

ZZSH

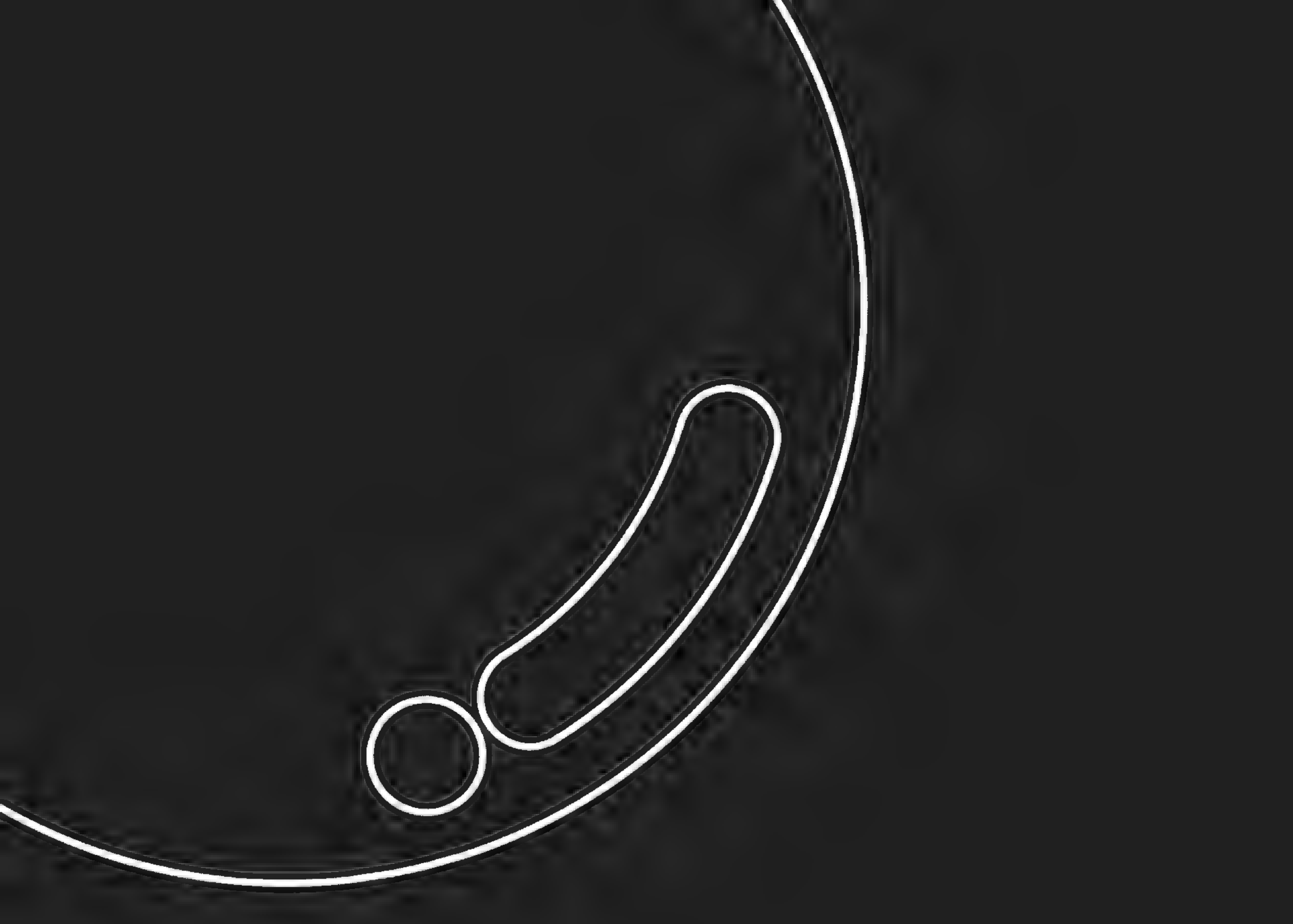
THE LONGER THIS TAKES, THE GREATER HIS ADVANTAGE.

HE SEEMS TO HAVE ALL MANNER OF POWERS THAT MAKE UP FOR HIS LACK OF EXPERIENCE...

LET THE NEXT CLASH PUT AN END...

...TO OUR FIGHT.

Ahh?
Ohh?
BZAP
BZAP



CHAPTER 94: The Grin of the Ancient Demon

Kingdom of Falmuth

Royal City, Maris

...THE PEACE TREATY OLD KING EDMARIS SIGNED TO END THE WAR WAS DONE OUT OF FEAR OF THE MONSTERS, WASN'T IT?

FOR ONE THING ...

IT'S INFURIAT-ING.

FEEL BAD? FOR HIM? MOST OF THE REPARATIONS ARE COMING FROM OUR TAXES!

I FEEL BAD FOR KING EDWARD, HAVING TO PAY REPARATIONS TO CLEAN UP THE MESS HIS BROTHER MADE.

I'LL TAKE AN ISSUE.

Extra !

Extra !!

WE NEED THE NEW KING TO COME OUT HARDER AGAINST THIS THAN HE HAS.

"KING EDWARD HAS FOUND THE FORMER RULER IN NIDOL..."

"...WITH AN ARMY OF TWENTY THOUSAND."

?!

WHA ...?

"FORMER KING EDMARIS TEAMS UP WITH YOUM THE CHAMPION, EMBEZZLES REPARATIONS"

?!

...WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS, PLAYING HERO?

HE'S JUST THE LEADER OF SOME BAND OF RUFFIANS...

YOUM THE CHAM-PION...

HEY, GIVE ME ONE OF THOSE, TOO!

...

MURMUR

MURMUR

I THINK I WILL, TOO!

I'M GOING TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE NEW KING!

MEANING DEMON LORD RIMURU HAS SIDED WITH THE OLD KING.

HMM.

SO, TEMPEST SENT A FORCE TO AID YOUM.

TO BE HONEST, I HOPED HE'D FOCUS ON HINATA SAKAGUCHI INSTEAD OF SPLITTING HIS STRENGTH.

WELL, THINGS DON'T ALWAYS GO TO PLAN.

EARL NIDOL CLAIMS THAT KING EDWARD HAS NO INTENTION OF ANTAGONIZING TEMPEST.

SOPH-ISTRY.

SENDING REINFORCE-MENTS IS THE DEMON LORD'S SIGNAL THAT HE'S NOT ABOVE MORE WARFARE.

I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT A POSSIBIL-ITY.

YEAH, DON'T MIND ME.

IT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED.

THE COM-MANDER'S ORDER WAS TO INCITE A CIVIL WAR.

SO, THAT LEAVES THE AGREEMENT WITH THE FIVE ELDERS.

VANQUISH-ING THE DEMON THAT OPPOSES THE NEW KING...

I DOUBT THAT WOMAN WILL FORGIVE US FOR USING HER.

I WAS HOPING SHE'D BITE IT, SO WE COULD REMAIN ACTIVE IN THE WESTERN NATIONS WITHOUT RISK.

ACCORDING TO OUR INVESTIGATION, THE COURT SORCERER RAZEN SERVES THE VERY DEMON IN QUESTION.

SO IT SEEMS.

AND THE NEWS OF THAT CHAMPION SPREADS EAST.

WORD OF HIS POWER AND LOYALTY TO THE FALMUTH ROYAL FAMILY.

EVEN IF THAT'S TRUE, IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE RAZEN FALLING IN BATTLE TO SOME CONTEMPORARY OR MODERN DEMON.

CONTEM-PORARY ...?

YOU DON'T KNOW THE RANKS? BETTER BRUSH UP.

I WAS CERTAIN HE FOLLOWED THE OLD KING, EDMARIS...

RANK	TIME OF LIFE
Contemporary *(Knight)*	0-30 years
Modern *(Baronet)*	30-100 years
Pre-Modern *(Baron)*	100-400 years
Medieval *(Viscount)*	400-1,000 years
Ancient *(Count)*	Over 1,000 years
Pre-historic *(Marquis)*	Over 3,000 years
[illegible]	Since ancient times

THE LONGER A DEMON LIVES, THE GREATER ITS POWER.

THERE'S SUPPOSEDLY A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF MAGICULES EACH CAN MAINTAIN...

...BUT THAT JUST MEANS THEY CAN SPEND THE EXCESS ON IMPROVING THEIR SKILLS OVER THE EONS THEY LIVE.

WHEN A FOOLHARDY SUMMONER CALLS ANYTHING GREATER THAN A PRE-MODERN,

...IT USUALLY RESULTS IN THE MAGE'S DEMISE.

Ahh...

MASTER DAMRADA ?

ANCIENT, PRE-HISTORIC, OR MAYBE EVEN...

IF HE FOUGHT AND LOST, THE DEMON MUST BE OLDER.

BUT KNOWING RAZEN THE MAJIN'S POWER, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MATCH A MEDIEVAL.

I SEE...

OF COURSE, NO RECORDED SUMMONER HAS MANAGED TO CALL ANYTHING HIGHER THAN A MEDIEVAL.

A PRIMAL...

EVERYONE BUT OUR OBSERVERS NEEDS TO LEAVE FALMUTH NOW.

WE'RE WITH-DRAW-ING.

SIR?

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.

I'LL TAKE THEM.

THEY'LL MAKE FOR A GOOD SOUVENIR FOR THE NEW KING BEFORE WE LEAVE.

AND WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE DEMON HUNTERS WE CALLED FROM BACK HOME?

UH... Y-YES, SIR!

YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO SEEDY.

SO... YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE THE MATTER OF THE DEMON TO EDWARD?

I'M HONORING THE DEAL WITH THE FIVE ELDERS AND DOING THE NEW KING A FAVOR.

BUT IS SUCH CAUTION REALLY NECES-SARY?

WE HAVEN'T RECOVERED OUR INVEST-MENT...

THAT'S TRUE.

PERHAPS I'M OVER-THINKING IT, BUT I ALWAYS TRUST MY GUT.

I'D RATHER CUT MY LOSSES THAN STICK AROUND AND RISK MY LIFE.

SO, THE NEW KING HAS TAKEN THE FIELD HIMSELF.

HOW CONVE-NIENT FOR ME.

Near the Nidol Earldom

LET'S SEE...

THOSE ONES LOOK BETTER THAN AVERAGE.

THE TEN GREAT SAINTS OF THE CHURCH, I BELIEVE.

KA HA HA HA HA ...

SIR HAKURO, LUBELIUS AFFILIATES ARE HEADING YOUR WAY WITH SOLDIERS.

THEY MIGHT HELP WITH NEGOTIA-TIONS.

I SEE.

I WILL TELL RANGA TO TRY TAKING THEM ALIVE.

DA KA DUN

YOU ARE FREE TO DO AS YOU WISH.

HAVE NO CONCERN. I HAVE A CLOSE EYE ON THINGS.

NOT THAT I THINK THERE'S EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF DEFEAT.

CLIK

JUST DON'T OVERDO IT.

I'M RELIEVED TO HEAR IT.

THAT'S ALL FROM ME.

YOU CAN GO NOW.

...I TASTED UTTER DESPAIR.

ON THE DAY THAT LORD RIMURU AWOKE AS A DEMON LORD...

THE MERE MEMORY MAKES IT FEEL LIKE MY BODY IS BEING TORN TO PIECES.

I NEVER WANT TO EXPERIENCE SUCH A THING AGAIN.

AND YET...

KA HA HA HA ...

I'D NEVER FELT FEAR BEFORE IN MY LIFE.

SERI-OUSLY ...

DON'T OVERDO IT, DIABLO...

YOU WOULD FRAME ME FOR THE KILLING OF YOUR ARCHBISHOP, AND ATTEMPT TO LESSEN MY STATION WITH LORD RIMURU?

YOU MUST SUFFER FOR YOUR SINS...

HFFF

Tent of King Edward of Falmuth

MANY OF THEM HAVE COME SEEKING AN AUDIENCE, YOUR MAJESTY.

WHAT NEWS OF THE JOURNAL-ISTS?

MURMUR

MURMUR

WHAT'S THAT NOISE OUTSIDE?

SUCH IS THE FATE OF A HEROIC KING...

I SEE. *HMPH.* IT IS A BORE, BUT ONE I MUST SEE TO.

PROTECT KING EDWARD!

ASSUME FORMA-TION!

DEPLOY!

KING EDWARD, I BELIEVE WE LAST MET DURING THE PEACE TALKS.

IT'S A PLEA-SURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

MURMUR

MURMUR

A PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAIN-TANCE.

MY NAME IS DIABLO.

KA HA HA. JUST ONE THING.

A WARN-ING.

A-AH, YES. YOU ARE THE ENVOY OF DEMON LORD RIMURU.

AND WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY?

A WARN-ING?

WITHDRAW YOUR SOLDIERS AT ONCE, AND REACH AN UNDER-STANDING WITH YOUM.

DOING SO WILL HELP YOU AVOID A TERROR YOU'D RATHER NOT KNOW OF.

I SEE. SO YOU CLAIM TO UPHOLD OUR AGREEMENT.

I'M ONLY TRYING TO RECLAIM THAT MONEY!

THIS ALL BEGAN WITH MY BROTHER EMBEZZLING FUNDS THAT WERE MEANT TO PAY YOUR REPARATIONS!

HA HA HA! WHAT A STRANGE THING TO SAY!

HEH.

OH?

MURMUR

MURMUR

THOUGH IT SEEMS WE NEEDN'T HAVE BOTHERED...

OF COURSE. IF ANYTHING, OUR ACTIONS DEMONSTRATE OUR GOOD WILL TOWARD YOU.

I KNOW YOUR TRICKS!

IT'S A FOUL PLOT MEANT TO SQUEEZE US OF OUR HARD-EARNED MONEY TWICE!

DON'T BE COY!

SPEAK THE TRUTH TO ME! IT WAS *YOU PEOPLE* WHO CONSPIRED WITH EDMARIS AND THIS YOUM CHARLATAN, PUTTING THEM UP TO THIS!!

SWOOSH

ZRRM

...IF HE MUST RESORT TO SUCH TRICKS FOR MONEY.

HE CALLS HIMSELF A DEMON LORD, BUT THIS RIMURU CAN'T BE TERRIBLY POWERFUL...

I need my pad!

WE HAVE PLENTY OF WITNESSES.

VERY WELL. THEN I SHALL PRESENT EVIDENCE.

PERPLEXED AT HOW YOUR RUSE WAS EXPOSED, PERHAPS?

HMPH... NOTHING TO SAY?

SHAAA

GAZE UPON THEM AND DESPAIR!

YOUR EVIL DEEDS ARE RECORDED IN HERE!

GLENDA, IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND.

GYAAAA

I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE...

SPARE ME! SPARE MY LIFE, PLEASE!

INARGU-ABLE? HOW DOES IT PROVE ANYTHING?

THE LADY GLENDA RECORDED THIS ACT IN LUBELIUS. IT IS INARGU-ABLE PROOF.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

OHH... WHAT A PAINFUL THING TO WITNESS.

WHAT YOU JUST SAW WAS THE MOMENT YOU TOOK REYHIEM'S LIFE.

IF YOU INSIST ON PLAYING GAMES, THEN I SHALL ANSWER YOU.

Hah!

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN STILL TALK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS?

CERTAINLY, NO ONE FROM LUBELIUS WOULD DARE HARM AN ARCHBISHOP OF THE CHURCH!

THAT IS UNIM-PORTANT!

I SAW NO ATTACKER IN THAT VISION.

...A DEMON HOPING TO KEEP HIS EMBEZZLEMENT SCHEME A SECRET.

HE TOLD THE CHURCH THE TRUTH.

BUT HIS PIETY OUTWEIGHED HIS FEAR OF YOUR THREATS!

SUCH AS...

IT HAD TO BE SOMEONE WHO KNEW HE POSSESSED SOME VERY DAMNING INFORMATION.

YOU THREATENED REYHIEM AND SENT HIM TO LUBELIUS TO HAVE HIM GATHER INTELLIGENCE FOR YOU.

WHAT A STORY.

A MERE HUMAN, OVER-COMING HIS FEAR OF ME?

WHAT A TALL TALE YOU HAVE SPUN.

CLAP

CLAP

AND AT THE MOMENT HE WAS TO DELIVER HIS MESSAGE OF THE TRUTH TO THE PUBLIC...

...YOU KILLED HIM.

HMPH. AS I SAID EARLIER ...

...YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WITH A MOTIVE!

HOW DOES THIS IMAGE SERVE AS EVIDENCE, WHEN THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF THE ATTACKER?

BUT IT STILL DOESN'T ADD UP.

AND THE ARCHBISHOP HAS ACCUSED YOU FROM BEYOND DEATH.

YOU ARE THE KILLER.

THIS SHALL BE THE STORY THAT STARTS MY LEGEND.

A HEROIC KING WITH WISDOM AND COURAGE...

THE REPORTERS WILL TELL THE NATION OF MY GALLANTRY.

PERFECT...

!!

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GASP

HAH! FINALLY GIVEN UP, HAVE Y...

SHUT UP THAT'S ENOUGH.

I CON-SIDERED LAYING THE TRUTH BARE FOR ALL...

SNERK

...BUT MY WORDS HOLD NO WEIGHT FOR A CREA-TURE...

...WHO ONLY BELIEVES WHAT HE WANTS.

HAVE I MADE A TERRIBLE MISJUDG-MENT?

...THAT ARCHBISHOP REYHIEM'S PIETY WON OUT OVER HIS FEAR.

EARLIER, YOU CLAIMED ...

W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

THUS, I WILL DEMONSTRATE MY INNOCENCE IN A SIMPLER WAY.

BUT FIRST, A WARN-ING.

...I WILL ACCEPT THAT YOUR CLAIM IS POSSIBLE.

IF A SINGLE PERSON HERE IS CAPABLE OF CONQUERING THEIR TERROR OF ME...

YOU'D BEST PREPARE FOR THE CONSE-QUENCES.

I HAVE NEVER SUFFERED DEFEAT IN ALL MY LIFE.

VSH!!

VAN-QUISH HIM!!

I-IT'S TIME! WAR-RIORS FROM THE EAST!

GULP

DEMON HUNTERS!

WHOOSH

NO DEMON CAN SURVIVE ONCE ITS PHYSICAL FORM HAS BEEN DESTROYED!

CONQUER OUR TERROR? ABSURD!

THAT HOLDS TRUE, EVEN FOR AN ARCH DEMON.

Ooh...

SHRAAKK

ARE YOU READY, THEN?

WHAT?

THE EMPIRE HAS RESEARCHED EVERY TACTIC THERE IS TO FIGHTING DEMONS.

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE HUMANS.

OF COURSE I DID.

YOU WERE TRYING SO HARD, AFTER ALL.

OH ...?

ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU CHOSE TO BE CAUGHT?

HEH... HA HA. STUPID DEMON.

AND THAT WILL MAKE WHAT FOLLOWS EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING, WON'T IT?

DESPITE WHAT THEY'RE SAYING, THE HUNTERS AREN'T UNDERES-TIMATE THE DEMON.

BUT...

YOUR PRIDE IS YOUR WEAKNESS.

ZWAASH

THUN-
DER-
BOLT
!!

YOU WILL KNOW YOUR ARROGANCE WHEN IT LEADS TO YOUR DESTRUC-TION!!

BEGONE !!

AAH!

WHOOSH

HAH... HOW DOES LIGHTNING UNTEMPERED BY MAGI-CULES FEEL?

BUT...

IT'S TRUE THAT WHEN PHYSICALLY DESTROYED, DEMONS CANNOT AFFECT THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

THAT'S WHY MOST DEMONS ...

...WEAR MULTILAYER BARRIERS FOR PROTECTION.

I'LL HAVE TO SET ASIDE AN EXTRA REWARD FOR DAMRADA!

SPLENDID! I KNEW YOU WOULD PERFORM EXCEL-LENTLY!

WEAK. SO VERY, VERY WEAK.

KA HA HA HA.

SHINNG !!

FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORT, THIS WAS A DISAP-POINT-MENT.

WHOA !!

CRAKK !!

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD FIGHT ME LIKE THAT?

WHA ...

THE LIGHTNING DIDN'T WORK? W-WHAT TRICKERY DID YOU USE?!

NOW, SHALL WE START YOUR TEST?

M-MON-STER...

HUH?!

THAT IS ALL.

H...

I DIDN'T USE ANY TRICKS.

I SIMPLY HAVE A HIGH TOLERANCE OF NATURAL FORCES.

WOBBLE

NO... THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...

THEY WERE SO WEAK THAT THEY COULDN'T TOUCH HIM.

WHAT A JOKE.

11° SNAP 4

?!

NOT FUNNY.

IT IS A FIELD TO ENSURE THAT YOU REPORTERS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY WHAT HAPPENS.

W-WHAT IS THIS?

A WALL OF LIGHT?!

MURMUR

MURMUR

!

F^WA^A

...!

BRR...

!!!

PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH.

HOWEVER, IF YOU SHOULD STEP OUTSIDE OF IT, I CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

AAIEEE!

S-STAY AWAY! LEAVE ME ALONE!

S-SAVE ME! SOMEONE, HELP!

AND NOW...

AHH!

D... DAM-MIT!

SHVR

SHVR

MURMUR

MURMUR

I DIDN'T SEE THE DEMON *DO* ANYTHING...

WHAT WAS THAT?

WHY DOES HE FEEL SO... TERRIFYING?!

A very soft version of it.

YOU WITH-STOOD MY "LORD'S AMBITION."

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD OFFER MY COMPLI-MENTS.

WHAT'S THIS? ONLY THREE OF YOU PASSED THE TEST?

And King Edward.

MY SUBORDI-NATES HAVE ALL PASSED OUT!

NO...

THREE?!

SPIN

I GUESS THIS IS WHY THOSE TWO ARE MEMBERS OF THE THREE BATTLESAGES.

!

AS LONG AS THEY'RE HERE, WE CAN FIGHT.

WE'RE ALL RIGHT.

YES, YOUR MENACING PRESENCE WAS POWERFUL.

...CAN'T BE REAL.

BUT YOUR "LORD'S AMBITION"...

OF COURSE BLUFFS ARE YOUR SPECIALTY.

HEH! HEH HEH... REMEMBER, YOU'RE A DEMON SERVING A DEMON LORD.

PLUS...

BLUFF?

THAT'S RIGHT.

AND *ORDINARILY*, THEIR FINAL EVOLUTION IS ARCH DEMON.

DEMONS HAVE A LIMIT TO THEIR MAGICAL POWER.

MAY I ASK WHY YOU SAY THAT?

YOU CAN'T BE THAT STRONG.

THIS PROVES YOU CAN'T BACK UP YOUR CLAIMS.

KNOWING THAT, YOU CANNOT REACH THE LEVEL OF DEMON LORD SEED.

AND YET, YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHAT IS BEYOND "ORDINARY."

EXACTLY! SO DO YOU ADMIT YOUR—

I SEE. YOU ARE QUITE KNOWL-EDGE-ABLE.

THEY CALL YOU "DEMON HUNTERS" FOR A REASON.

SURELY, YOU KNOW...

...?

IT'S POSSIBLE TO REACH A HIGHER FORM.

BY MEET-ING THE REQUIRE-MENTS.

DON'T BE STUPID! OF COURSE I DO!

BUT HE'S SUCH AN OLD DEMON...

...A TOTAL EXCEPTION TO THE...

WAIT!

...OF THE DEMON LORD...

...NAMED ROUGE.

"ROUGE"?

THAT'S IT? NO TITLE?

WHAT DID HE JUST CALL THAT DEMON LORD?

...IF THE TWO WERE EQUALS...

SUCH A THING WOULD ONLY BE PERMISSABLE WITH A KING'S PERMISSION, OR...

A YOUNGER DEMON ABSOLUTELY CANNOT REFER TO A PRIMAL WITHOUT HIS TITLE!

DEMONS OPERATE ON A RIGID HIERARCHY.

STILL, WHILE DEMONS ARE EXCELLENT TRICKSTERS, ARE THEY CAPABLE OF IGNORING THEIR HIERARCHY?

NO. IMPOSSIBLE. THAT HAS TO BE A LIE.

EQUALS WITH A PRIMAL?

THERE'S NO DENYING IT ANY MORE.

I CAN'T TAKE THIS.

!!

I OBSERVED HER USING LORD'S AMBITION IN YOUR TERRITORY RECENTLY.

AH, SINCE YOU'RE FROM THE EAST, YOU MAY BE MORE FAMILIAR WITH BLANC.

BASED ON THE COLOR OF HIS HAIR...

HE MUST BE THE PRIMAL DEMON CALLED NOIR!

OH? ARE YOU SURRENDERING, EVEN AFTER YOU PASSED MY TEST?

I'M ONLY A HIRED WARRIOR.

I DO NOT DARE DEFY YOU ANY LONGER.

THERE'S NO WAY TO WIN!

I CAN'T RISK INSULTING HIM ANY FURTHER!

PLEASE, SPARE MY LIFE.

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

YES, SIR!

AND TAKE ALL OF THE UN-CONSCIOUS BODIES WITH YOU.

THEN LEAVE.

RUN? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

OH, YOU TWO HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO RUN?

HMM. VERY IMPRES-SIVE.

DIABLO, WAS IT?

MY NAME IS SAARE.

ONE OF THE TEN GREAT SAINTS, AND THREE BATTLE-SAGES.

VERY WELL.

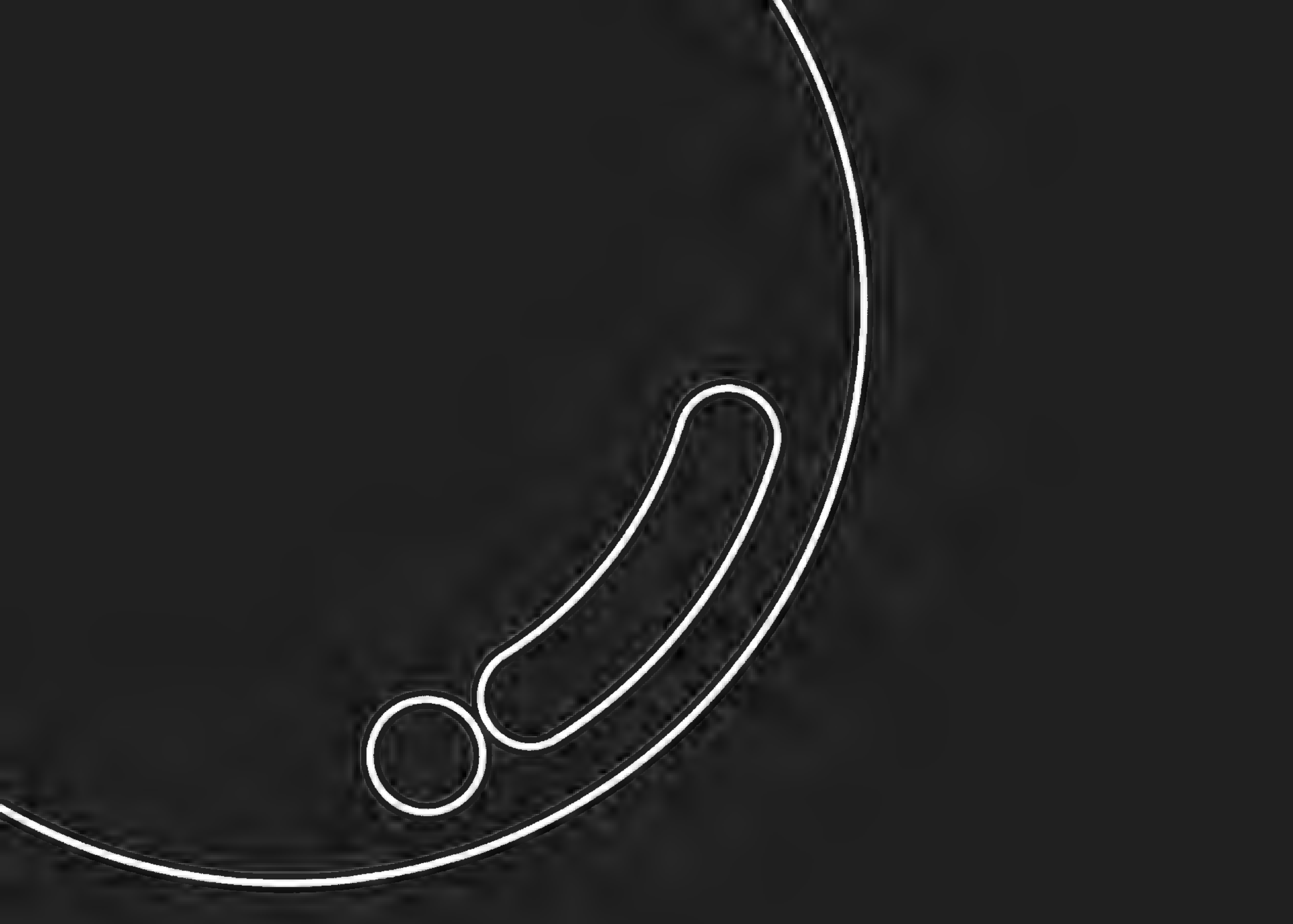
I SUP-POSE BY PASS-ING MY TEST, YOU'VE EARNED THAT MUCH.

SHING

MEANING THAT I'M IN NO POSITION TO LET THE DEMON WHO KILLED THE ARCHBISHOP WALK FREE.

AS PROMISED, I WILL PLAY WITH YOU FOR A WHILE.

Here's your riddle: Who am I?



GWOAAA!
ZZHSHHH
GUH... SHIT!
CAPTAIN GRIGORI, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
WOMM
ZMF
TWHAM
THE DEMON HUNTERS FROM THE EAST WERE AT KING EDWARD'S SIDE.
I ASSUMED I WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH TO DO UNLESS I SLIPPED AWAY ON MY OWN...
Master Rooks
One of the Three Battlesages
Grigori the "Giant Boulder"
...BUT IT SEEMS I'VE FOUND QUITE THE OPPONENT IN DOING SO...
S-SIR GREGORY, WHAT SHALL WE DO?!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

Umm
Umm
I KNEW THESE WERE ALL THE REJECTS AND RESERVES, BUT EVEN STILL...
WE LOST ALL THE BEST FALMUTH KNIGHTS DURING THE TEMPEST INVASION.
HUH?
OH!
...AND ANY THAT COME FROM THE SKY.
I WANT YOU FOLKS TO FOCUS ON THE ONES RIDING THE WOLVES...
DUM
DUM
DUM
DUM
DUM
DUM
DUM
DUM
HE MEANS THEM...
Gobta and his goblin riders.
100 in all.

GRRRG

...!

Gabiru and Team Hiryu.

100 in all.

FWOO

I'VE GOT BIGGER PROB-LEMS TO...

I'LL LEND YOU MY MEN! JUST GET OUT THERE AND *DO* SOME-THING!

I DON'T CARE !!

C- CAPTAIN, THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF THEM!

THWAK

THAT OVER-GROWN DOG NEEDS TO BE TRAINED!

DON'T WORRY, I'LL HAVE YOU HOUSE-BROKEN BEFORE THE...

RAU

?!

UH-OH.

THIS SEEMS BAD.

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THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.

I AM LORD RIMURU'S FAITHFUL BUTLER.

YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE A TYPICAL DEMON TO ME.

WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?

WAIT, GLENDA!

WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HE...

ENOUGH.

LET'S GET RID OF HIM, SAARE!

SWISH

HUH...?

THUT

ZNIP

TOSS

I FORGOT TO MENTION.

PHYSICAL ATTACKS HAVE NO EFFECT ON ME.

OH, RIGHT ...

!!

GLENDA ?

...UNTIL I'M DONE CASTING MY HOLY MAGIC...

GLENDA, BUY ME TIME...

ALL RIGHT. I WOULD'VE LIKED MORE INTEL FIRST, BUT...

SEEMS LIKE THIS DEMON IS PRETTY USED TO COMBAT.

Full sprint.

YOUR COMPANION RAN AWAY AS SOON AS SHE THREW THE KNIFE.

GLENDA ?!

Gone

Sorry.

SHE'S ODDLY PERCEPTIVE LIKE THAT.

MUST'VE NOTICED WE WERE AT A DISADVANTAGE.

DAMN HER!

SHE TOOK THE FIRST SWING KNOWING THAT I'D BE LEFT BEHIND TO FIGHT!!

AND I'LL KNOW YOUR STRENGTH ...

I CAN TELL YOU'RE NOT SOME AVERAGE ARCH DEMON.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL BITE.

I thought you were asking about being a butler.

AH, SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT ABOUT "WHAT I AM."

SHAK

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P

... ONCE I FIGHT WITH YOU!

!

I AM A DEMON PEER.

...I EVOLVED TO BE-COME A DEMON PEER.

I AM NOT AN ARCH DEMON. WHEN LORD RIMURU GAVE ME MY NAME...

YOU... WHAT?

DOES THAT SATISFY YOU?

TMP

Demon Peer...

HRR

THE GUYS FROM THE EAST UNDER-STOOD THE DANGER BETTER THAN ME.

I SEE. I WAS IGNORANT.

AN ARCH DEMON WHO QUALIFIES AS A DEMON LORD SEED BECOMES A DEMON PEER.

THE LEVEL IS CLOSE TO AN AWAKENED DEMON LORD... AND THERE IS NO LIMIT ON IT'S GROWTH.

I CAN'T HANDLE THIS ONE ON MY OWN!

COME BACK QUICK, GRIGORI.

BUT THE SCARIEST THING IS THAT SOMEONE WAS DUMB ENOUGH TO GIVE THIS MONSTER A NAME.

LORD RIMURU'S GOING TO SCOLD YOU IF YOU DON'T STOP!

H-HEY! RANGA, DON'T DO THAT!

CHEW

CHEW

CHEW

CHEW

Mean-while, Grigori...

AAAAA

THERE'S NO WAY A MONSTER LIKE THIS WOULD FAIL TO NOTICE HE WAS BEING RECORDED DURING A MURDER.

HE CLAIMS HE'S INNOCENT OF KILLING THE ARCHBISHOP... AND IT'S PROBABLY TRUE.

I HAVE TO ASSESS THE SITUATION, IF I WANT TO GET OUT OF IT.

CAN'T GIVE IN TO DESPAIR YET.

BUT WHY AM I THE ONE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF IT?

MOST OF THE REPORTERS SEEMED SKEPTICAL.

THE IMAGES IN THAT CRYSTAL AREN'T GREAT EVIDENCE.

KA HA HA HA.

TRY HARDER. SHOW ME SOMETHING FUN AND DIFFERENT.

YOU ARE OF THE BATTLE-SAGES, YES?

YOU ARE CONSIDERED POWERFUL AMONG THE HUMANS, RIGHT?

DAMMIT... SCREW THIS!

BWAM

HE'S DELIBERATELY REFRAINING FROM KILLING.

YET HE'S NOT.

WHICH MEANS THERE MIGHT BE ROOM TO PARLAY.

IF I CAN FIGURE OUT WHO REALLY SLEW THE ARCH-BISHOP...

TRUE CULPRIT ...

ZSHAK

I'M AT "ENLIGHTENED" LEVEL...

BUT IF THIS DEMON WANTED TO KILL ME, IT WOULD BE ALL TOO EASY FOR HIM.

OR DID THEY CREATE THEIR OWN CHANCE?

...AS THOUGH IN EXPECTATION OF HER ABSENCE.

THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AFTER HINATA LEFT...

ZWOO

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU, SAARE.

!!

IN THAT CASE...

...IS THE ONE WHO SENT HINATA AWAY...

...AND ORDERED US TO VANQUISH THE DEMON, THE REAL CULPRIT?

THEY'RE ANCIENT WISE ONES! THEY CAN'T BE...

BUT THAT MAKES NO SENSE...

LET US VANQUISH THIS DEMON TOGETHER.

AHH... SO THAT'S THEM.

TH-THE SEVEN DAYS CLERGY...

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THEY WON'T LISTEN TO YOU.

THERE IS ONLY ONE REASON WHY THEY'D COME HERE AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT.

W-WAIT, ELDERS!

FIRST, LET US TALK...

Plus, I didn't say they did it...

E-EVI-DENCE ?

BUT THAT IMAGE IN THE CRYSTAL ISN'T...

I'M NOT SPEAKING OF THE CRYSTAL.

IT'S A SLOPPY ATTEMPT TO ERASE THEIR EVIDENCE.

NOTHING IS EASIER TO DECIPHER THAN THE ACTIONS OF A TRAPPED, DESPERATE CULPRIT.

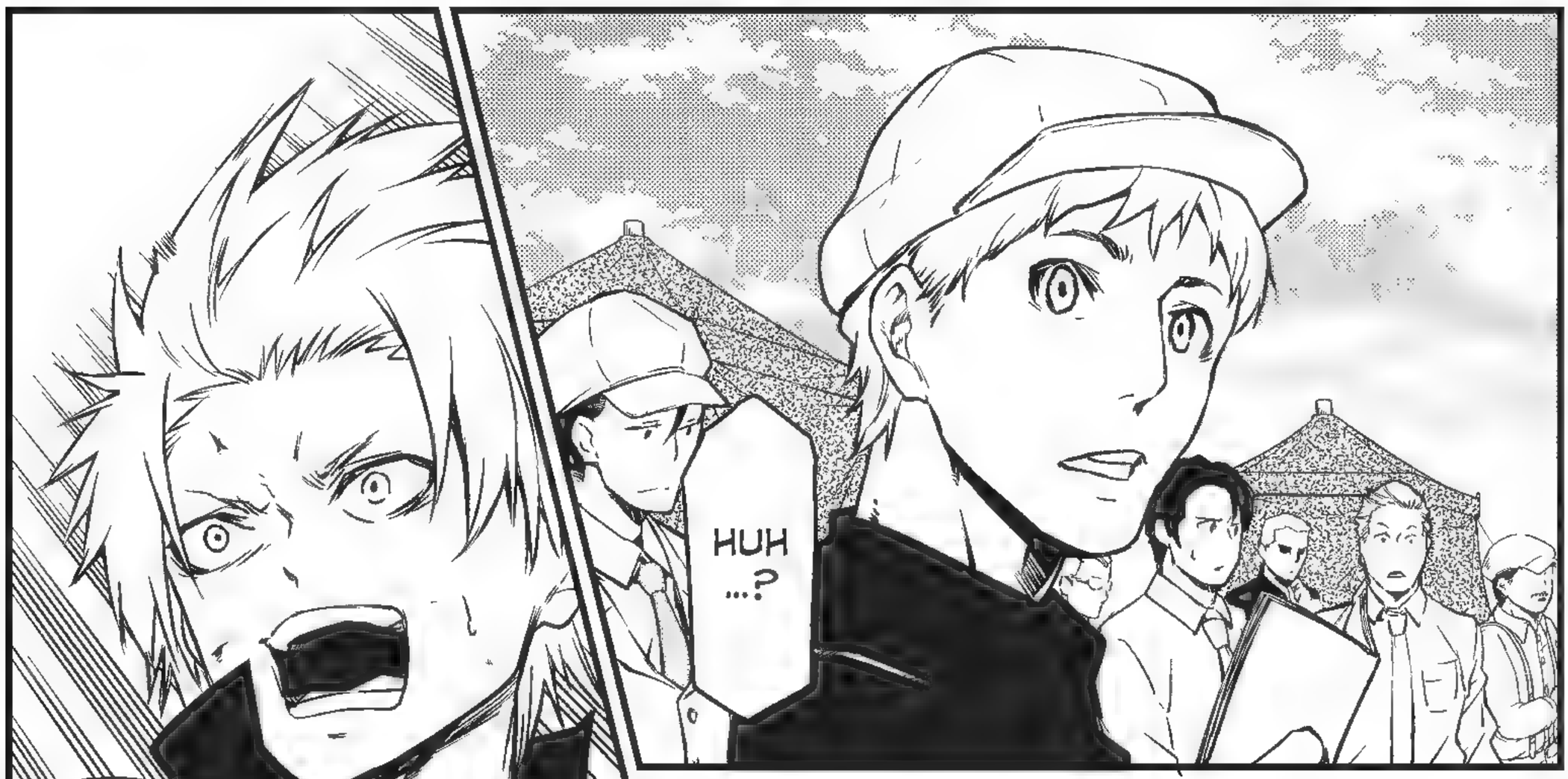
YOUR EPIPHANY HAS COME TOO LATE, I'M AFRAID.

MURMUR

MURMUR

I'M TALKING ABOUT *WIT-NESSES.*

ZWIP


HUH ...?

OH, NO...
RUN!!

FWUM
FWUM

BOOOM

LET THE NEXT CLASH PUT AN END...

... TO OUR FIGHT.

ARE YOU STILL WILLING TO ACCEPT MY TERMS?

BUT LET ME WARN YOU.

THIS TECH-NIQUE IS VERY DANGER-OUS.

DIDN'T SHE COME HERE TO KILL ME?

WAIT, WHAT?

?

YES, I SEE. HENCE THE WARNING...

ANSWER:
I DO NOT SENSE ANY INTENT FROM HINATA SAKAGUCHI TO KILL YOU, MASTER.

SO IF I SURVIVE THIS ATTACK, I'LL BE THE WINNER?

GOT IT.

I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS STRANGE ABOUT THIS FROM THE START.

BUT... IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

THAT SMILE MAKES HER LOOK A LITTLE YOUNGER.

PERHAPS THAT'S WHAT HER NATURAL EXPRES-SIONS LOOK LIKE.

HAHA. I HAD A FEELING YOU'D SAY THAT.

I ACCEPT, BUT THIS IS THE END.

NO HARD FEELINGS. IF YOU LOSE, YOU HAVE TO SWEAR AN OATH NOT TO ATTACK THIS PLACE.

I'D HOPED TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE.

HMM? ALL RIGHT, I PROMISE.

I ONLY CAME FOR THIS DUEL BECAUSE YOU WANTED IT.

SHE THINKS I RE-QUESTED A DUEL?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

HANG ON. I KNOW I DID SAY SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT IN THE MESSAGE...

...BUT IF SHE HEARD THE ENTIRE THING, SHE'D KNOW I DIDN'T REALLY WANT THAT.

GUESS I CAN'T CALL A TIME-OUT NOW.

OH, WELL.

HI'ZSH

WELL, HERE GOES.

NO!

NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY DOUBT YOUR VICTORY.

YOU JEST.

BENIMARU, IF I HAPPEN TO FALL, YOU'RE IN CHARGE.

What happened with those two ?!

SEEMS LIKE THINGS HAVE WRAPPED UP WITH THE TEN GREAT SAINTS.

ALL RIGHT. STAY THERE AND WAIT FOR MY VICTORY.

WE'RE THE LAST ONES.

...I SEEK THE POWER OF THE SPIRITS.

HEED MY REQUEST ...

I OFFER THIS PRAYER TO GOD.

CREATION, EXPEND THYSELF.

HMM, NO.

IS SHE CASTING DISINTE-GRATION?

HEAR MY DESIRE AND GRANT IT TO ME...

ARE YOU READY?

I BET THERE'S NOTHING IT CAN'T CUT.

A SWORD INFUSED WITH THAT TERRIBLE MAGIC.

BZT

BZT

YEAH. SHOW ME.

TMP

WARNING:
IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFEND. IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID...

GWUAA

MELT-SLASH!!

USING BEELZE-BUB...

...

DOES HE INTEND TO STAND THERE AND TAKE THE HIT?!

NO! HE CAN'T!

DSH
VWOM
KAH
VWAAAOHH
WHOA !!

FWOOSH

AHH TOW PAA

ANYTHING GOES, I GUESS.

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THAT'S OUR LEADER FOR YOU.

ACTUALLY, THAT WAS PRETTY CLOSE.

NO WAY ...

EWO!

ON TOP OF THAT...

..I HAD TO SACRIFICE BEELZE-BUB.

SLUMP

..AND IT INTERRUPTED MY UNIVERSAL DETECT.

IT TOOK OVER SEVENTY PERCENT OF MY MAGICULES TO CANCEL OUT THAT ATTACK...

HA HA HA HA HA!

!

HEH HEH HEH!

IT HURTS, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN DYING.

BUT IT WAS THE METHOD RAPHAEL SUGGESTED WITH THE HIGHEST CHANCE OF SURVIVAL.

CHOSE TO?

THAT WAS AMAZ-ING.

YOU CHOSE TO TAKE THE HIT, DIDN'T YOU?

WHAT'S WITH THE PREGNANT PAUSE?!

HEY!

HELLO?!

...

UM, MASTER RAPHAEL?

LADY HINATA...

...I HAVE TRULY LOST.

NOW THAT YOU'VE SHOWN YOU CAN SURVIVE THAT...

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING MORE.

IT WAS NEED-LESSLY DRAMATIC ...
...BUT IT FEELS LIKE THINGS HAVE FINALLY SETTLED DOWN FOR A GOOD CHAT.
GLINT
I CAN QUESTION RAPHAEL ABOUT THIS LATER.
I SUPPOSE SO.
BRRB
GLUK
GRAAAAA
YOU WOULD DARE GO SO FAR, SEVEN DAYS CLERGY?!
LEAP

THUD

HINATA!

ZRSH

!!

GRFH

WHAT WAS THAT?! WHO JUST...

NO, THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW.

THOUGHT INTER-FERENCE?

MAGIC ENERGY WENT OUT OF CONTROL AND EXPLODED.

ANSWER: THOUGHT INTER-FERENCE DETECTED ON THE GREAT-SWORD HINATA USED INITIALLY.

I'LL HEAL YOU UP RIGHT NOW!

HEY... HEY! STAY WITH ME!

HINATA!

THE FULL-POTION ISN'T WORK-ING...

LADY HINATA !!

WHAT?

HER HIGH RESISTANCE TO MAGIC ENSURES THAT THE MAGICULES DISSOLVE BEFORE THEY AFFECT HER!

NO MAGIC OR HERBS WITH MAGICULES HAVE ANY EFFICACY ON LADY HINATA.

C-COM-ING!

LITUS, COME QUICK!

USE YOUR HEALING SPELLS!

WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE!

USE SOMETHING ON HER THAT *WILL* WORK! HOLY MAGIC, OR WHATEVER!

YANK

!

AHHH! WHAT IS THIS?!

I CAN'T BREAK FREE!

HUH ...?

GRRM

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SOME-THING'S COMING.

LORD RIMURU.

ZSH

I KNOW.

VMM

DEMON LORD RIMURU.

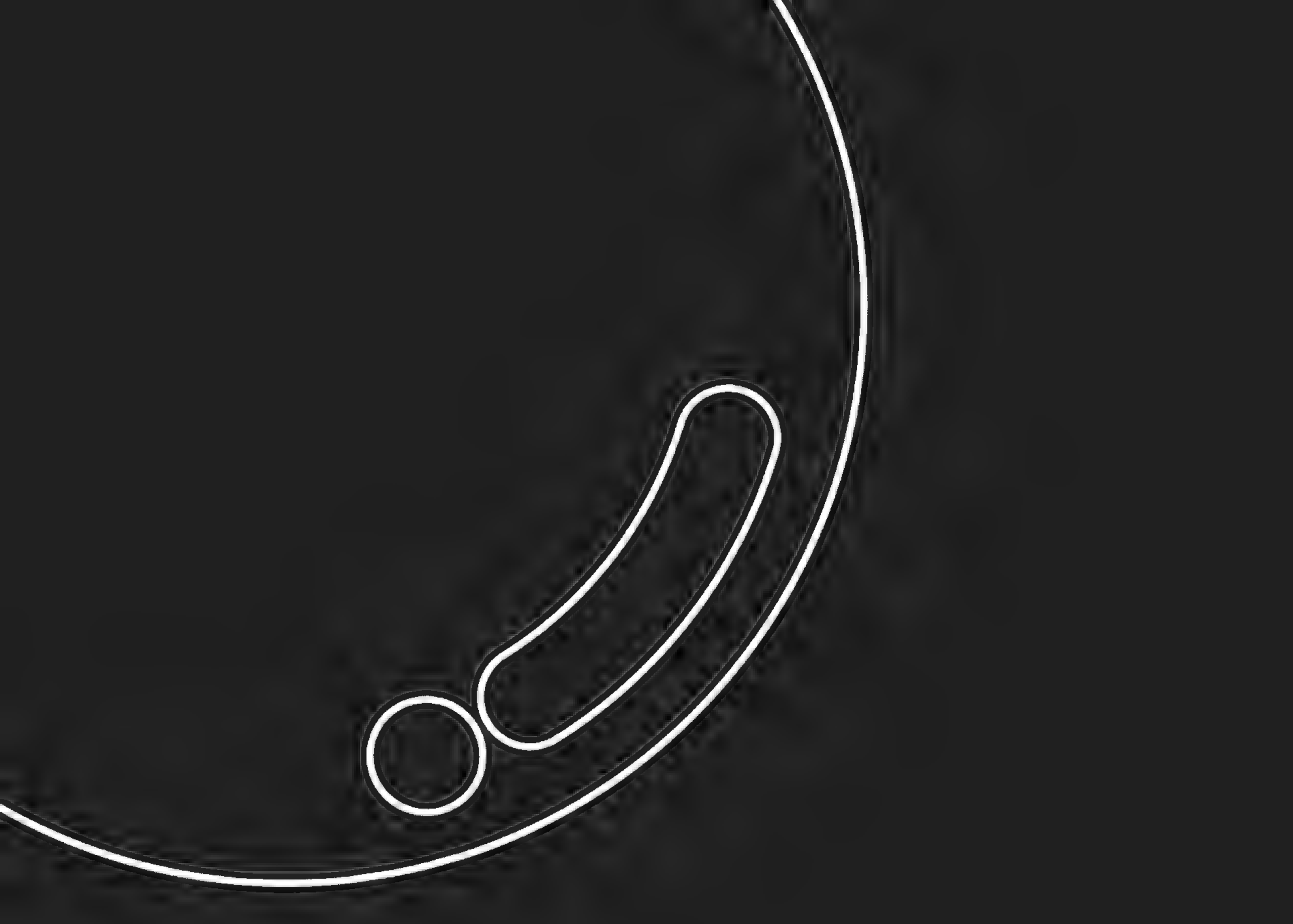
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

WE ARE KNOWN AS THE SEVEN DAYS CLERGY.

HINATA SAKAGUCHI.

AND WE HAVE COME HERE TO ELIMINATE A DISLOYAL FOLLOWER.

Another person getting stomach ulcers from Diablo
You too, Lord Rimuru ?!



I HAD A FEELING THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG FROM THE BEGINNING.

HINATA DIDN'T ACT LIKE...

...SHE'D HEARD MY MESSAGE.

YO, HINATA. HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE.

IT'S RIMURU TEMPEST, CHAN-CELLOR OF THE LAND OF MONSTERS.

BUT I UNDER-STAND THE POSITION YOU'RE IN.

TO THE WESTERN HOLY CHURCH, MONSTERS ARE ABSOLUTE EVIL.

HMPH

YOU REALLY WENT OFF HALF-COCKED AND DIDN'T LISTEN TO ME, HUH?

THAT CAUSED A LOT OF PROB-LEMS!

SO, I'VE DECIDED TO MAKE MY PITCH IN THIS FORM.

I WANT TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING ABOUT SHIZU.

AND I THINK THAT IF WE HAVE AN HONEST DIALOGUE...

...WE CAN COME TO A PEACEFUL AGREEMENT ABOUT LUBELIUS AND TEMPEST.

TO THAT END, I'D LIKE TO SET UP AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A DISCUSSION.

WE SHOULD AT LEAST TRY TO SETTLE THINGS IN A WAY THAT WON'T CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR OTHERS.

BUT IF YOU CAN'T, THEN I GUESS THERE'S NO HELP-ING IT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST IN HEARING ME OUT, I HOPE YOU'LL ACCEPT.

YOU AND ME. ONE ON ONE.

I'LL TAKE YOU ON.

THINK IT OVER.

I AWAIT YOUR ANSWER.

STILL, I'D MUCH PREFER TO RESOLVE THIS WITH PEACEFUL DISCUSSION.

HEH

CLIK

TALK TO YOU SOON.

WHO WOULD DO THAT?

AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

WAS THE MESSAGE TWISTED SOMEHOW BEFORE IT REACHED HINATA?

DEMON LORD RIMURU.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

IT'S NOT WORKING THE WAY IT DID WITH MJURRAN!

...BUT THE MAGICULES ARE BEING REJECTED BY HINATA SAKAGUCHI'S RESISTANCE.

NOTICE: TEMPORARY HEART CONSTRUCTED TO PROLONG LIFE...

"WHO WOULD DO IT," INDEED?

WE ARE KNOWN AS THE SEVEN DAYS CLERGY.

THEY WANT TO GET RID OF HINATA...

...BECAUSE THEY HATE THE IDEA OF US REACHING PEACE.

AND WE HAVE COME HERE TO ELIMINATE A DISLOYAL FOLLOWER.

HINATA SAKA-GUCHI.

YEAH, THAT MUCH IS OBVIOUS.

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I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, BUT STAY OUT OF THIS.

I HATE THEM.

THE SEVEN DAYS CLERGY. BASED ON WHAT ADALMANN SAID...

...THEY'RE THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS IN LUBELIUS.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING HER DIE.

WE'VE ALREADY SETTLED THE SITUATION.

SHE IS A MOST GRIEVOUS SINNER.

THAT IS NOT AN OPTION.

...SHE HAS IGNORED THE WILL OF LUMINUS AND COMMITTED TREACHERY.

DESPITE HER POSITION AS A SAINT...

Wha...

ENOUGH OF THIS!

PLEASE, DON'T BE SO HASTY!

HINATA HAD REASONS FOR HER...

YOU HAVE DECEIVED ME FOR LONG ENOUGH...

...SEVEN DAYS CLERGY!

REN-ARD!

YOU BROUGHT ME THAT DEAL PLANNING TO KILL LADY HINATA ALL ALONG!

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY FOR YOUR-SELVES, SPEAK NOW!

HEROIC FIGURES FROM ANCIENT TIMES OR NOT, GIVE A POOR ANSWER AND I MIGHT—

DOOM

WHA...

GAHK!

GARDE.

W-
WHY...

G-
GARDE?!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

YOU
ARE THE
ONE WHO
PLOTTED
WITH
HINATA
THE
TRAITOR
AND
DECEIVED
US ALL!

HOLD
YOUR
TONGUE,
RENARD.

SHION! EXPOSE THAT GARDE FOR WHO HE REALLY IS.

SO HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOT HINATA.

...THE SAME WAVELENGTH AS THE MIND THAT INTERFERED WITH THE SWORD.

WARNING: THE ONE NAMED GARDE IS EMITTING ...

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM. HE'S A FOLLOWER OF THE SEVEN DAYS CLERGY... AND MIGHT EVEN BE ONE OF THEM HIMSELF.

YES, SIR !!

RIIIP

I HAVE NO MORE USE FOR THIS DISGUISE !

YOU MON-STERS HAVE SUCH KEEN SMELL.

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WHOOSH

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SO HE WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN.

IT'S RATHER VIOLENT OF YOU TO GREET VISITORS WITH SUCH FORCE, DEMON LORD RIMURU.

DO YOU SEEK A WAR WITH LUBELIUS?

TOSS

LORD RIMURU, I HAVE AN URGENT REPORT.

I HAVE TO CHECK ANY SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT CAUSE TROUBLE.

THIS IS MY COUNTRY.

I HAVE DISCOVERED THE TRUE KILLER OF ARCHBISHOP REYHIEM.

IT WOULD SEEM THE EVENT WAS ORCHESTRATED BY MEN CALLED THE "SEVEN DAYS CLERGY."

IS THAT YOU, DIABLO?

I'M BUSY NOW, SO MAKE IT QUICK.

MY APOLO-GIES.

YOU HAVE PROOF THEY DID IT?

SEVERAL EYEWIT-NESSES.

THERE ARE THREE OF THEM BEFORE ME RIGHT NOW.

I BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL BRING HARM IF LEFT ALIVE.

THEN... I ALLOW YOU TO EXTERMI-NATE THEM.

AS YOU WISH.

THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

IF THEY RESIST, YOU MAY USE FORCE.

BENIMARU, SOEI, HELP SHION CAPTURE THE SEVEN DAYS CLERGY.

AS YOU DESIRE, LORD RIMURU.

YOU SNUFFED OUT THE CHANCE FOR PEACE BY MANIPULATING MY MESSAGE.

SPARE ME THE FALSE CON-CERN.

HEH HEH...

ARE YOU CERTAIN? THIS WILL MEAN ALL-OUT WAR.

I KNOW EVERY-THING YOU'RE AFTER.

UNFORTU-NATELY, YOU FAILED TO PIN THE CRIME ON MY BUTLER.

I HEAR YOU KILLED THE ARCH-BISHOP, TOO.

HEH

YOU PICKED THIS FIGHT WITH *ME*. I ASSUME YOU KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT.

I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO UNCOVER SO MUCH!

HA HA HA HA HA HA

SHEEEN

BUT THE SAINT IS AT DEATH'S DOOR.

WE MUST TAKE ADVAN-TAGE OF IT!

YOU TALK A LOT.

EVEN WHEN YOUR HOLY KNIGHTS CAN OVER-HEAR.

HUP

BOOM

HUP

!

HUP

!

VWAMM-

IT'S NO MATTER. THEY HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING IMPORTANT.

W-WHAT IS THIS?!

WE PLANNED TO SLAUGHTER YOU ALL FROM THE START!

AN ENOR-MOUS MAGIC CIRCLE.

IS EVERY-ONE ALL RIGHT?

FWWUB

FWUM

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Y-YEAH...

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FWOOO

NOW...

...NONE OF THE REPORTERS WERE HARMED.

THANKS TO YOUR PROTECTIVE FIELD...

WE'RE FINE...

UH-OH.

BUT THEY WERE CLEARLY CASTING MAGIC IN OUR DIRECTION.

THAT'S RIGHT.

THERE'S NO WAY THOSE GREAT MEN WOULD HARM ORDINARY, INNOCENT PEOPLE.

SAARE THE BATTLESAGE SAID THOSE WERE MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN DAYS CLERGY!

NO WAY!

MRMR 17

T-THAT WAS AIMED AT US?

17 MRMR

IF THAT HAPPENS, PEOPLE WILL DIE.

IF THEY START TO PANIC, SOME WILL TRY TO FLEE THE MAGIC FIELD.

NUH-UH!!

MRMR 17

...TO HIDE EVIDENCE OF THEIR MISDEEDS?

TH-THEN IS THE CLERGY GOING TO KILL US ALL...

17 MRMR

Oh...!

MRMR 17

MRMR 17

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO...

B-BUT DOESN'T MAKING A DEAL WITH A DEMON COME WITH A PRICE?

HAVE NO FEAR.

YOU ARE UNDER MY PROTECTION.

!

SPREAD THE WORD IN THE WAY YOU KNOW BEST.

I WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THE TRUTH OF THE ARCH-BISHOP'S MURDER.

KA HA HA HA. I'M GLAD YOU ASKED.

WHAT I SEEK IS QUITE SIMPLE.

PLEASE, HELP US!

RAAAH

VERY WELL.

YOU HAVE MY WORD THAT YOU WILL SURVIVE.

R A A A H

Y- YEAH, WE CAN DO THAT!

WE'LL REPORT THE TRUTH FAR AND WIDE!

AND WE'LL MENTION THAT YOU SAVED OUR LIVES, TOO!

EXCEPT!

?!
FOR YOU...
...KING EDWARD.
W-WHY?! WHAT DID I DO?
"WHY"? YOU ASK WHY?
RIMURU MUST NOT BE VERY FEAR-SOME...
YOUR LIFE IS NOT WORTH SPARING.
DOOOOM
YOU HAD THE GALL TO INSULT THE GREAT LORD RIMURU.

MONEY, POSITION... THE THRONE! I WILL GIVE YOU THE THRONE!

I WILL GIVE YOU EVERY-THING!

SAVE ME... SPARE MY MISER-ABLE LIFE!!

NO! PLEASE! MERCY, I BEG OF YOU!

SLUMP

THE THRONE ...?

I THINK *HE* IS WORTHY OF LEADING FALMUTH.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, YOUR MAJESTY?

TEK

TEK

THAT REMINDS ME... YOUM THE CHAMPION HAS GIVEN SHELTER TO KING EDMARIS.

WILL YOU WRITE THAT IN YOUR ARTICLE?

I WISH TO PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE YOUM AS MY HEIR TO THE THRONE!

Y- YOU THERE!

I... I AGREE!

HE SHOWS GREAT PROMISE!

WE'LL HAVE TO RUN THIS ONE FAR AND WIDE...

H- HA HA... IT'S THE BIRTH OF A NEW CHAMPION-KING.

TEP

VERY GOOD. NOW THE PLAN CAN PROCEED WITHOUT ISSUE.

GRIN

ALL THAT'S LEFT...

...IS TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH.

WAAH

THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE FROM THIS MAGIC CIRCLE !!

BAH! WHILE YOU WERE TAKING YOUR SWEET TIME, WE WERE PREPARING.

PREPAR-ING FOR YOUR DEMISE, DEMON!

MOMENT OF DESPAIR.

TRINITY BREAK !!

BLINK

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?! WHERE ARE WE?!

...?!

WHERE... WHERE IS THE DEMON?!

THIS CANNOT BE!!

THE SPELL WE CONSTRUCTED IS GONE!

WHAT DID YOU DO TO US?!

A CRUM-BLING WORLD? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?!

KNOW THE DESPAIR OF HELPLESS-NESS WITHIN A CRUMBLING WORLD.

I'M UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO TELL YOU ANYTHING ELSE.

MY UNIQUE SKILL HAS TRAPPED YOU IN ANOTHER REALM.

...!!

RUE YOUR SHORT-SIGHTED ARROGANCE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE ABYSS.

HEY!

W-
WAIT!
THIS
ISN'T
SUP-
POSED
TO...

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
YOU'LL
GET
AWAY
WITH
THIS?!

HEY...

STOP
!!

SPLURK

HOW
CAN
WE BE...
SO
HELPLESS

SHRD...

...what I just saw?

How am I supposed to describe...

ALRIGHT... I MUST REPORT BACK TO LORD RIMURU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.

Mean-while...

NOW PERISH!

TRINITY BREAK!!

UH-OH. I SHOULD BE OKAY...

...BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN PROTECT HINATA AND THE TRUSSED-UP HOLY KNIGHTS...

NOTICE. REACTIVATING ULTIMATE SKILL "BEELZEBUB."

RAAAAAAAA

AFFIRMATIVE: THERE WAS A BACKUP, SO NO PERMANENT HARM WAS DONE.

I THOUGHT WE SACRIFICED BEELZEBUB TO HINATA'S ATTACK...

UH, RAPHAEL?!

BELIEVE ME, I'M JUST AS SUR-PRISED.

WHAT?!

WARNING: SPIRITUAL RESPONSE INCREASING.

I THOUGHT IT WAS TOTALLY GONE FOREVER!

YOU SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED THAT!

WHAAAT?

Back up...

THE REAL ATTACK IS COMING.
FALL TO RUIN, DEMON LORD!!
TRINITY DISINTE-GRATION!!
LORD RIMURU!

OH, CRAP! THIS ONE'S AIMED ONLY AT ME...

...AND I DON'T THINK BEELZEBUB ALONE CAN STOP IT...

I'LL HOP IN

THERE IS NO PROBLEM.

SHALL I ACTIVATE URIEL'S ULTIMATE SKILL "ABSOLUTE DEFENSE"?

URIEL ?!

HANG ON...

IF WE HAVE ABSOLUTE DEFENSE, WHAT WAS THE POINT TO SACRIFICING BEELZEBUB TO THAT EARLIER ATTACK...?

...

AAAAAA

OH, RIGHT. THAT WAS A POWER RAPHAEL ACQUIRED WHILE CONSOLIDATING MY SKILLS.

LET'S JUST GO WITH IT FOR NOW.

ALL OF THAT ASIDE, RAPHAEL-SENSEI...

?

...WE NEED TO TALK AFTER THIS.

AFFIR-MATIVE. OF COURSE.

HAH...
ZWAAAAA

WHAT?
NO!

SHIP
ZZSHH

THIS
CANNOT
BEEEE
!!

IT
CANNOT
BE...

LURCH

THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT CAN WITHSTAND A DIRECT HIT FROM DISINTEGRATION!!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

I MEAN, THAT WAS THE STRONGEST HOLY SPELL TIMES THREE, RIGHT?

TRUE.

I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR, EITHER.

YOU LOST BECAUSE YOU CHOSE TO MAKE AN ENEMY OF ME (I MEAN, RAPHAEL).

ALL RIGHT, NOW IT'S OUR TURN.

THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE, VERMIN!

FACE YOUR PUNISH-MENT!

IT SEEMS YOUR FANCY MAGIC CIRCLE IS GONE.

THE FOLLOWERS OF LUMINUS WILL NOT KEEP SILENT ABOUT THIS!!

BUT... WE ARE HUMAN-ITY'S PROTEC-TORS!

KSHEEE

WE WILL WITH-DRAW FOR NOW.

SOONER OR LATER, LUMINUS'S WRATH WILL CHAR YOU TO A CRISP!!

THAT'S RIGHT.

BWOM

BUT...

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SHIK
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?!
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!!!...

BOW

IT'S REALLY YOU!!

SLUMP

Y... YOU...

DEMON LORD RIMURU.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THE TROUBLE.

TEP

I NOTICED THE NAME CONNEC-TION...

...BUT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO DRAW A FIRM CONNECTION.

OH... HELLO AGAIN.

BUT...

...THIS SUGGESTS WHAT SHOULD'VE BEEN OBVIOUS BY NOW.

LUMINUS VALENTINE, THE QUEEN OF NIGHT-MARES...

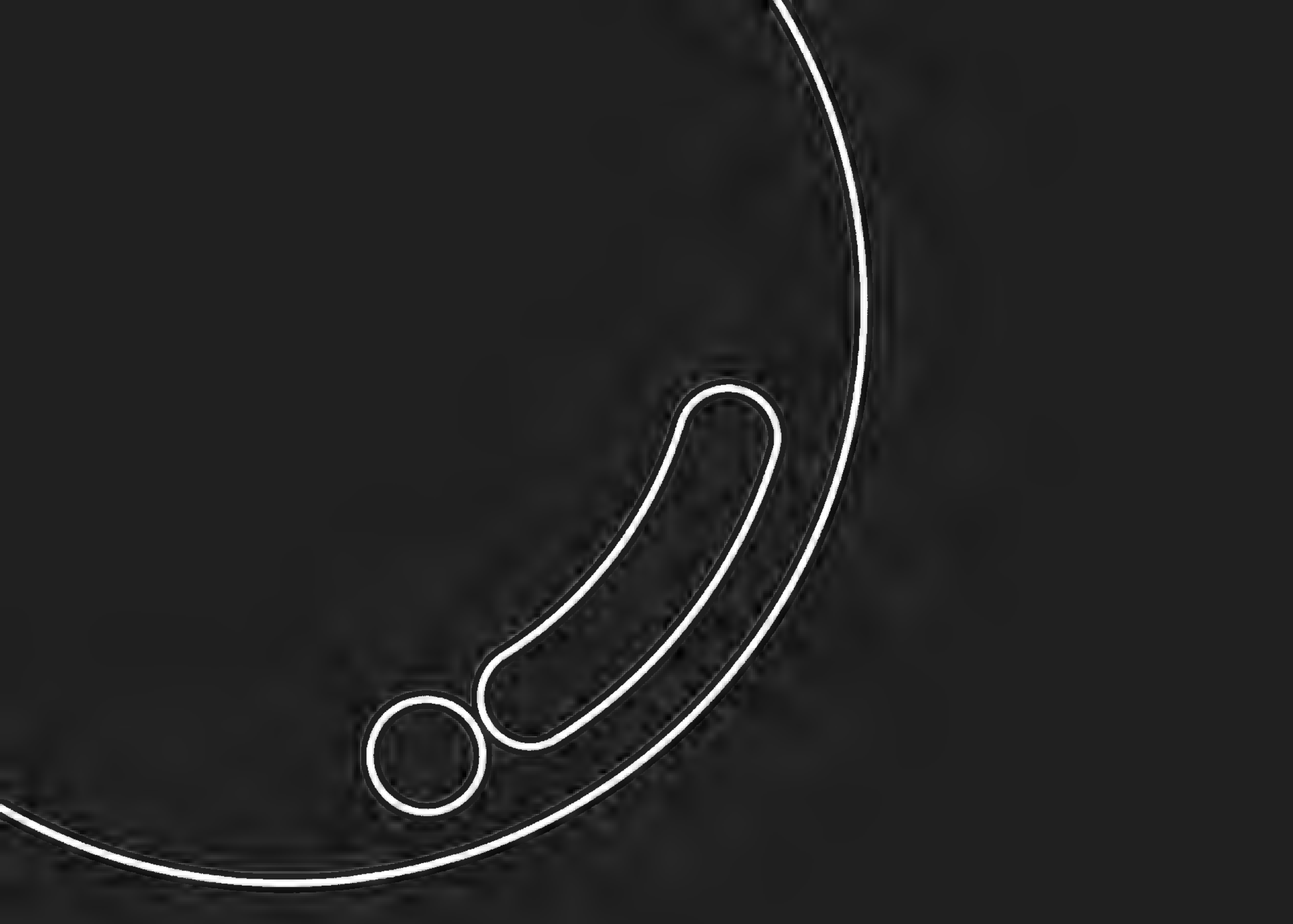
DEMON LORD VALENTINE HERSELF...

...IS THE GOD LUMINUS.

Reincarnate
in Volume 22?

→YES

NO



CHARACTER PROFILES

RIMURU TEMPEST

The Almighty Pacifist Slime

▶ RACE: Demon Slime

▶ AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

ULTIMATE SKILLS

RAPHAEL · · · Mind Acceleration, Analyze and Assess, Parallel Operation, Cast Cancel, All oP Creation, Combine and Disassemble, Ability Adjust, Predict Future Attack

BEELZEBUB · · · Predation, Stomach, Mimic, Isolate, Rot, Soul Consume, Food Chain

URIEL · · · Unlimited Imprisonment, Control Laws, Universal Barrier, Dominate Space, Absolute DePense

VELDORA · · · Summon Storm Dragon, Restore Storm Dragon, Storm Magic

OWNED SKILLS InPinite Regeneration, Magic Manipulation, Multilayer Barrier, Universal Detect, Universal TransForm, Lord's Ambition, Enhanced Replication, Spatial Movement, DarkFlame Lightning, Universal Thread

MAGIC Elemental Magic, Physical Magic, Spiritual Magic, High-Level Spirit Summoning, High-Level Demon Summoning

RESIS-TANCES Pain NulliFication, Physical Attack NulliFication, Natural Element NulliFication, Ailment NulliFication, Spiritual Attack Resistance, Holy Attack Resistance

BEST ATTACKS Megiddo (Magic), Beelzebub (Skill)

VELDORA TEMPEST

Rimuru's First Friend Reunited in Hell

▶ RACE: Dragon

▶ AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

ULTIMATE SKILL Faust

RESIS-TANCES Natural Element NulliFication, Ailment NulliFication, Pain NulliFication, Physical Attack NulliFication, Spiritual Attack Resistance, Holy Attack Resistance

BEST ATTACK Kame-drago-ha (Arts)

BENIMARU

Rimuru's Three-Eyed Right-Hand Man

▶ RACE: Oni

▶ AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

UNIQUE SKILLS

BORN LEADER · · · Mind Acceleration, Dominate Mind, Compute Prediction, Inspire Forces

EXTRA SKILLS

Magic Sense, Thermal Sense, Multilayer Barrier, Spatial Movement, Dominate Heat, Black Flame, Magic Burn, Ambition, Steel Strength

RESISTANCES Ailment Nullification, Pain Nullification, Physical Attack Nullification, Natural Element Resistance, Spiritual Attack Resistance, Holy Attack Resistance, Poison Resistance

BEST ATTACK Hell Flare (Skill)

SOEI

The Merciless Spy Who Speeds Through the Shadows

▶ RACE: Oni

▶ AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

UNIQUE SKILLS

SHADOW STRIKER · · · Mind Acceleration, Ultraspeed, Insta-Kill, Covert Agent

EXTRA SKILLS

Magic Sense, Multilayer Barrier, Spatial Movement, Body Double, Sticky Steel Thread, Steel Strength

RESISTANCES Ailment Nullification, Pain Nullification, Physical Attack Nullification, Spiritual Attack Resistance, Natural Element Resistance

BEST ATTACKS Puppet Strings (Art), Mystic Thread Strike (Art)

SHION

The Incompetent Secretary Dressed to Kill

▶ RACE: Oni (Wicked)

▶ AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

UNIQUE SKILLS

MASTER CHEF ··· Guarantee Results, Optimal Action

EXTRA SKILLS

All-Seeing Eye, Magic Sense, Multilayer Barrier, Spatial Movement, Ambition, Complete Memory, Self-Regeneration

RESISTANCES — Ailment Nullification, Pain Nullification, Natural Element Resistance, Holy Attack Resistance, Physical/Mental Attack Resistance

BEST ATTACKS — Ogre Guillotine (Physical attack), Extreme Magic Shot (Art)

DIABLO

The Skilled Butler Who Worships His Master

▶ RACE: Demon Peer

▶ AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

UNIQUE SKILLS

WISE MAN ··· Mind Acceleration, Cast Cancel, All of Creation, Control Laws

TEMPTER ··· Dominate Mind, Charm, Solicit

EXTRA SKILLS

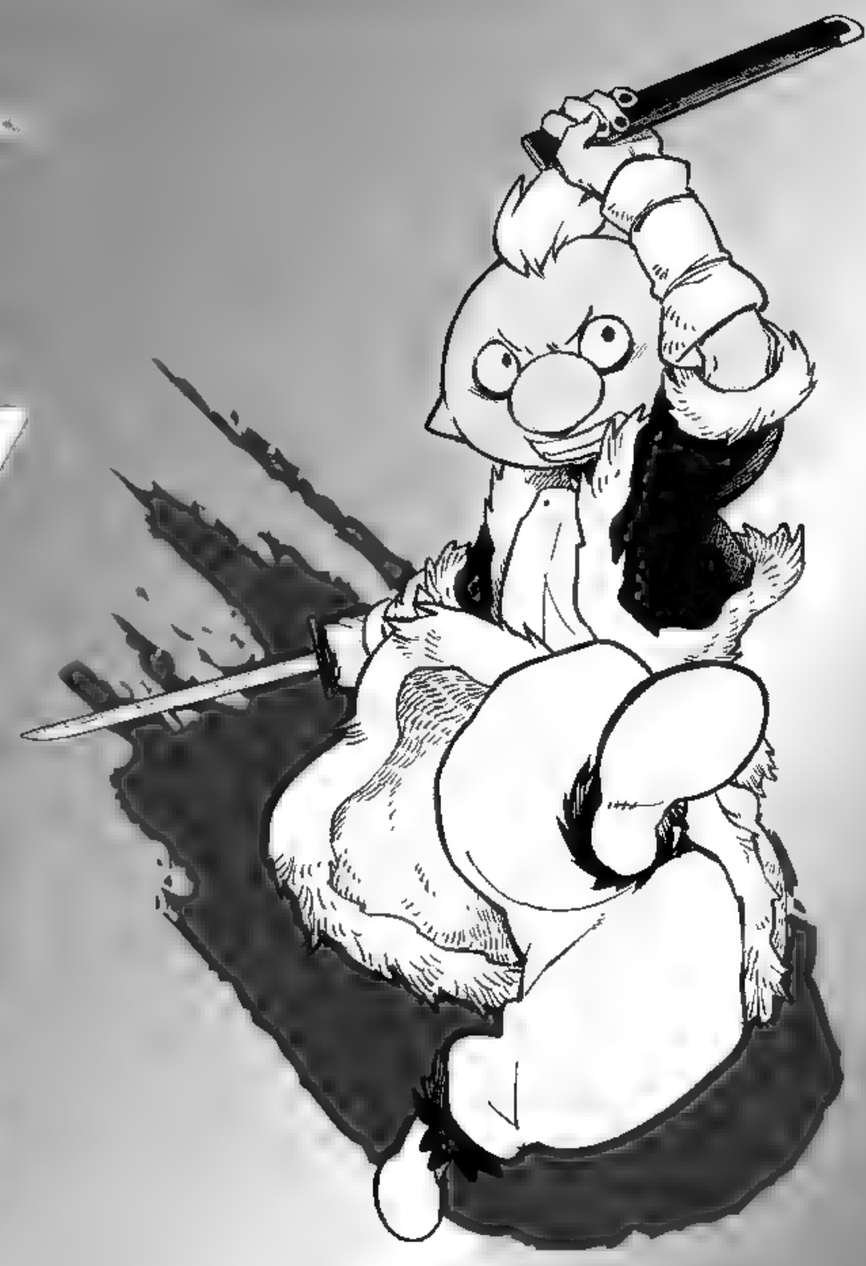
Universal Detect, Multilayer Barrier, Spatial Movement, Lord's Ambition

RESISTANCES — Pain Nullification, Physical Attack Nullification, Ailment Nullification, Spiritual Attack Resistance, Holy Attack Resistance, Natural Element Resistance

BEST ATTACK — Moment of Despair (Skill)

GOBTA

The Goblin Doctor



RACE: Hobgoblin

AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

EXTRA SKILLS

Shadow Movement, Unify

RESISTANCE

Poison Resistance

BEST ATTACK

Still working on it...

RANGA

Rimuru's Faithful Companion

RACE: Tempest Star Wolf

AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

EXTRA SKILLS

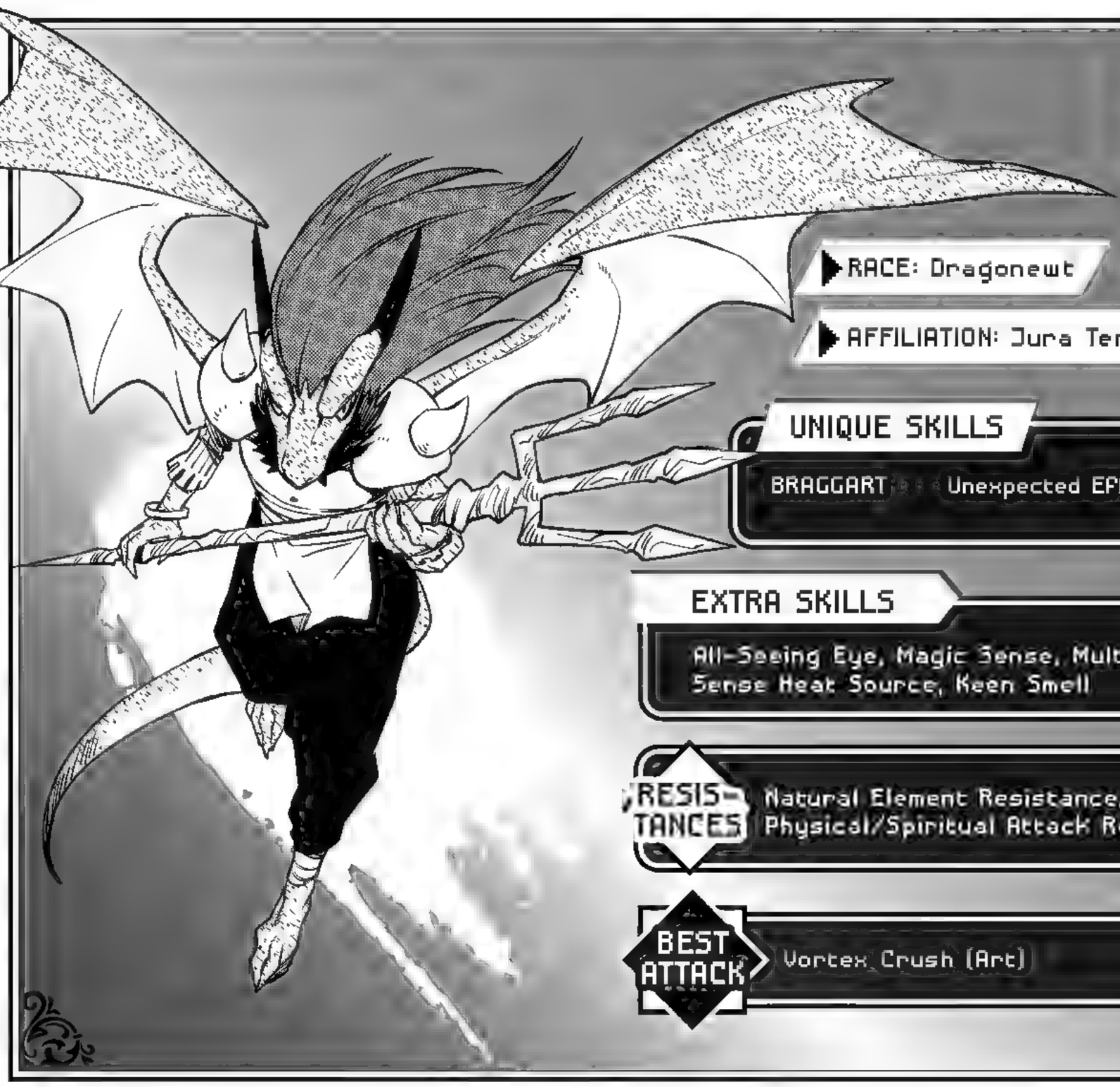
Magic Sense, Multilayer Barrier, Spatial Movement, Thought Communication

RESISTANCES

Attack Resistance, Ailment Resistance, Spiritual Attack Resistance, Holy Magic Resistance, Natural Element Resistance

BEST ATTACK

Death Storm (Skill)



GABIRU

A Passionate Warrior Who Cares For His Own

▶ RACE: Dragonewt

▶ AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

UNIQUE SKILLS

BRAGGART ··· Unexpected Effects, Change Destiny

EXTRA SKILLS

All-Seeing Eye, Magic Sense, Multilayer Barrier, Sense Heat Source, Keen Smell

RESISTANCES Natural Element Resistance, Ailment Resistance, Physical/Spiritual Attack Resistance

BEST ATTACK Vortex Crush (Art)

GELD

The Studious, Silent Professional

▶ RACE: High Orc ▶ AFFILIATION: Jura Tempest Federation

UNIQUE SKILLS

PROTECTOR ··· Grant Protection, Stand-In, Iron Wall
GOURMET ··· Predation, Roc, Stomach, Receive, Provide

EXTRA SKILLS

Sage, Magic Sense, Multilayer Barrier, Spatial Movement, Control Thought, Keen Smell, Unify Armor, Steel Strength, Earth Manipulation

COMMON SKILLS Self-Regeneration, Apply Poison/Paralysis/Rot, Menace

RESISTANCES Ailment Nullification, Pain Nullification, Natural Element Resistance, Physical/Spiritual Attack Resistance

BEST ATTACK Earthshatter Kick (Art)

HINATA SAKAGUCHI

The Beautiful Protector of Humanity

- RACE: Human
- AFFILIATION: Holy Empire of Lubelius

UNIQUE SKILLS

USURPER --- Seize, Copy

MAGIC — Holy Magic

BEST ATTACK — Meltslash (Art)

LUMINUS VALENTINE

The One True God and Demon Lord

- RACE: Vampire
- AFFILIATION: Holy Empire of Lubelius

UNIQUE SKILL — UnKnown

MAGIC — UnKnown

BEST ATTACK — UnKnown

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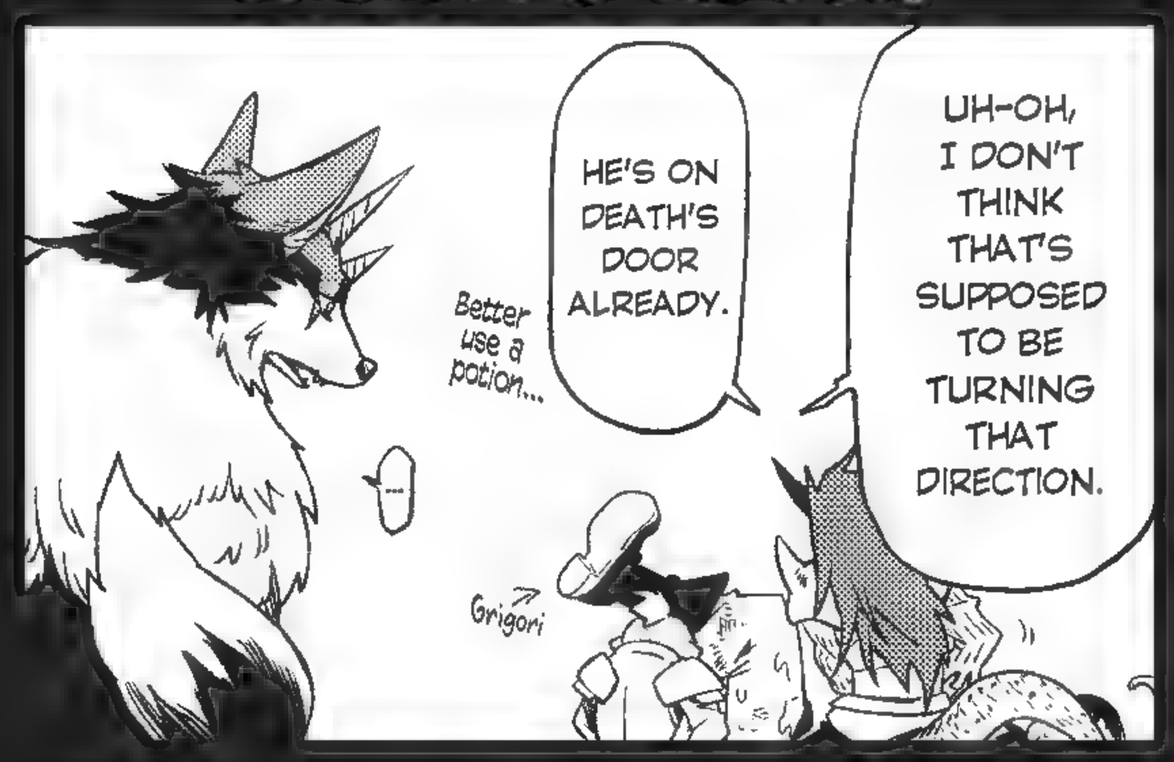


From Series Creator Fuse-sensei

THIS IS MY FIRST AFTERWORD IN A LONG TIME.

LOOK AT THIS, VOLUME 21 ALREADY. THE STORY'S NEARING THE END OF THE SEVENTH VOLUME OF THE ORIGINAL NOVEL SERIES, BUT THAT'S STILL NOT EVEN THE HALFWAY POINT. THERE ARE 19 NOVELS PUBLISHED RIGHT NOW, AND YOU SHOULD CHECK THEM OUT IF YOU HAVEN'T YET!

ANYWAY, LET ME GET TO THE POINT.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, *THAT TIME I GOT REINCARNATED AS A SLIME* WAS CHOSEN FOR THE BEST SHONEN MANGA CATEGORY OF THE 46TH KODANSHA MANGA AWARD. IT'S RARE THAT THIS HAPPENS FOR A MANGA BASED ON AN EXISTING PROPERTY, SO I'M OVERJOYED AT THE HONOR.

IT'S A MANGA CONTEST, SO IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE PERSON WHO EARNED THIS AWARD WAS KAWAKAMI-SENSEI. HE'S BROUGHT THE WORLD OF THE BOOKS TO LIFE WITH HIS INCREDIBLE IMAGINATION, AND GIVEN THE STORY A RICHER DIMENSION. HIS GREAT SKILL AND HARD WORK WON THIS AWARD. AND IT'S THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SERIES, AS WELL!

AS THE ORIGINAL CREATOR, I'M ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED WITH THE NEWS. THE STORY'S GOT A LONG WAY TO GO, SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW *THAT TIME I GOT REINCARNATED AS A SLIME!!*

伏瀬 FUSE

46th Kodansha Manga Award, Shonen Manga Category!!

Congrats & thank you!

From Mitz Vah-sensei, character designer

CONGRATS ON 21 VOLUMES & THE MANGA AWARD

Congratulations!!
I love Hinata!

From Sho Okagiri,
That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime: Ways of the Monster Nation

CONGRATS ON THE RELEASE OF VOL 21 & THE KODANSHA MANGA AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS, SENSEI!

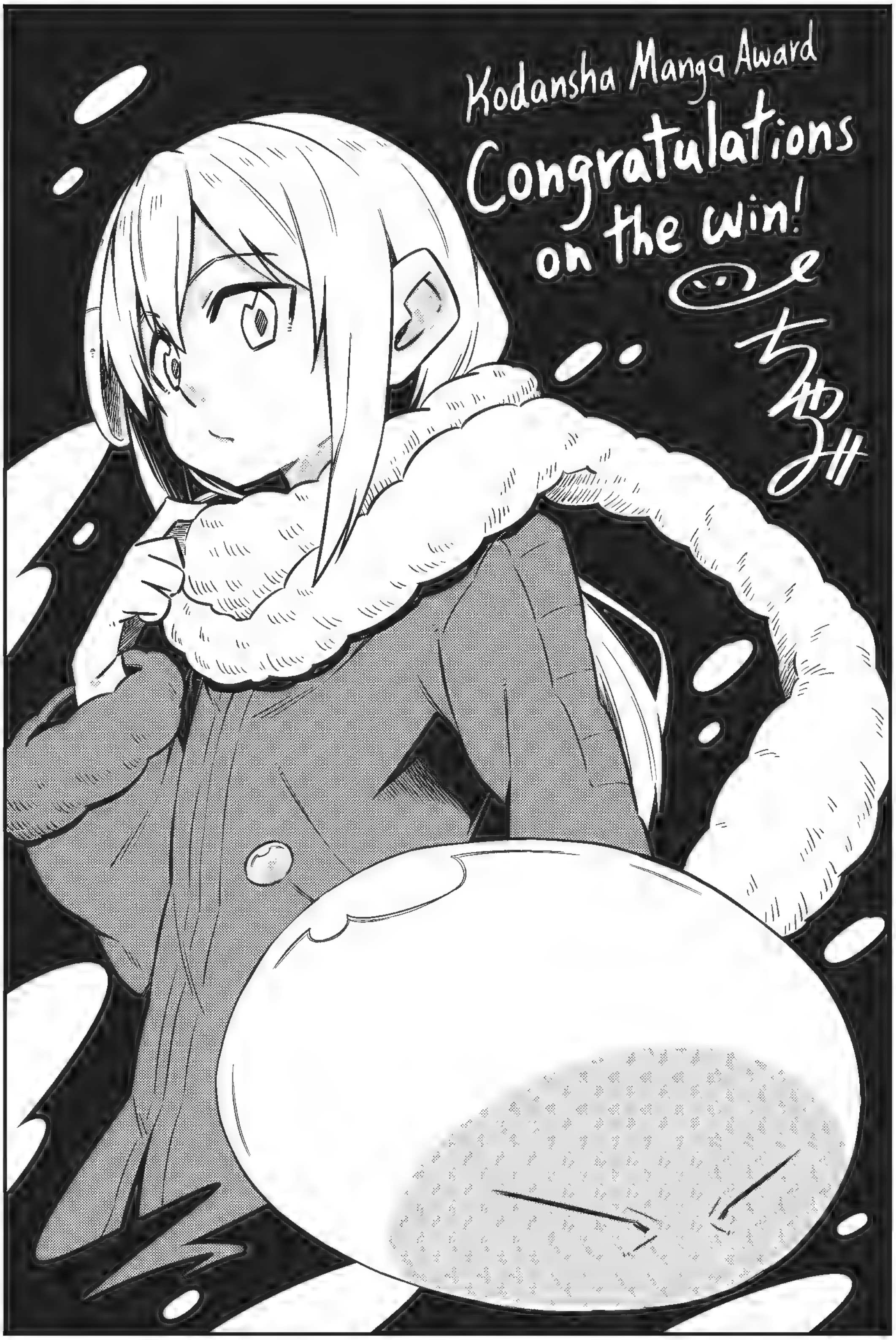
FUZZY RIMURU

SHIBA 2022

From Shiba, *The Slime Diaries: That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime*

CONGRATS ON VOLUME 21 &
THE 46th KODANSHA
MANGA AWARD
SHONEN MANGA CATEGORY!

From Tae Tono,
That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime:
Trinity in Tempest



From Chacha, *Tenchura! That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime*

From Moryo, *That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime Kids Edition/Illustrations*

KODANSHA MANGA AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING!

CONGRAAAAATS

Congrat-

I'm toasting you from the shadows.

From Wataru Kajika,
That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime: Clayman's Revenge

SURPRISE VIDEO FROM WORKAHOLIC

That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime
KODANSHA MANGA AWARD
WINNER!

Come This Way

I KNOW A SECRET.

THERE WAS A COMRADE AMONG...

...THE POTENTIAL COVER ILLUSTRA-TIONS!!

This was the mock-up.

EXPERT DISTANCING.

HA HA HA

DON'T GO TROUBLING YOURSELF ON MY BEHALF.

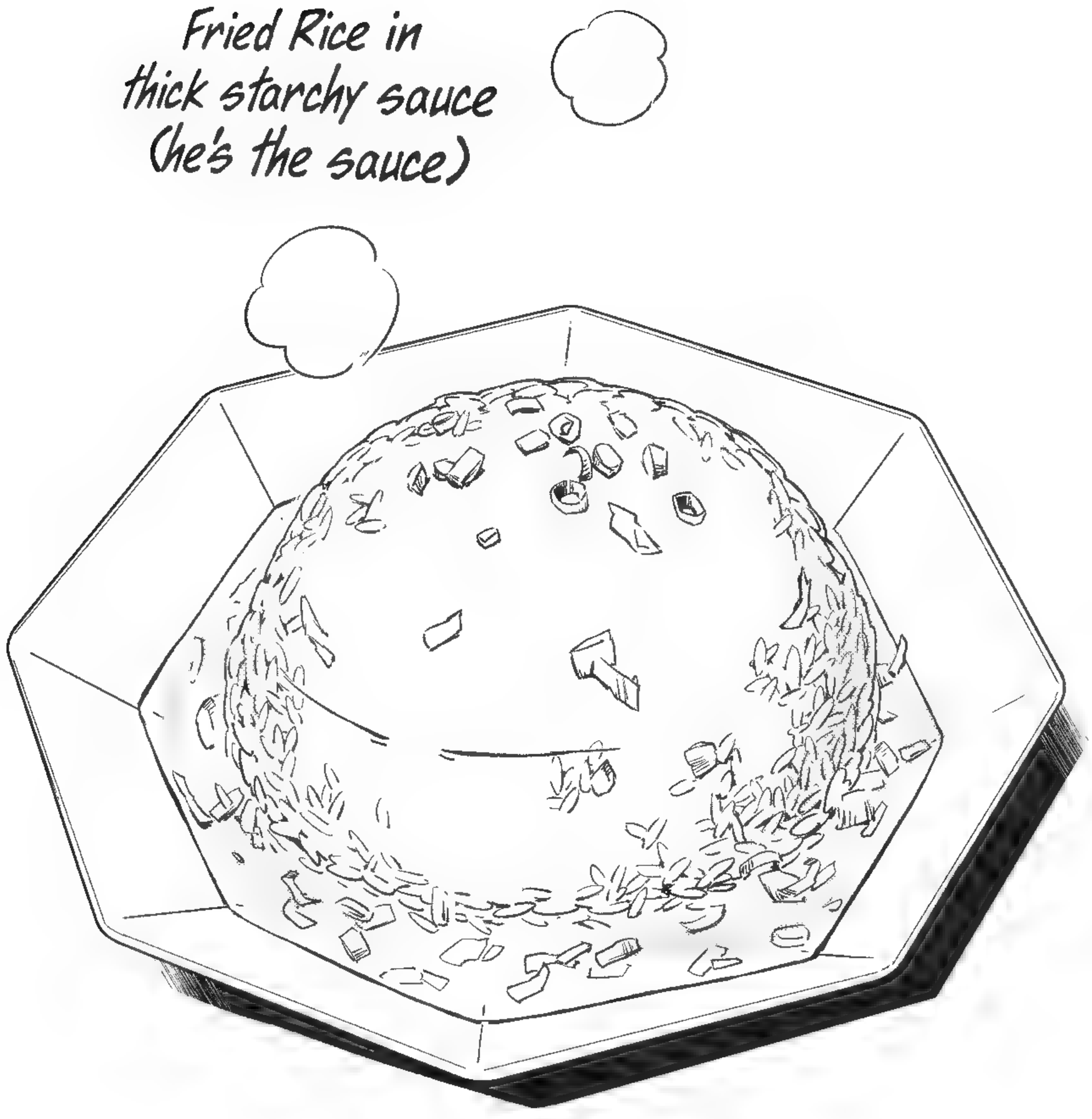
NOW, NOW.

COME, COME. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?

INCH...

INCH...

INCH...



The dish portrayed here is known as *an-kake chahan*, meaning "*an*-covered fried rice." The *an* in this case (there are different types of "*an*," from salty to sweet) is a savory dashi-type broth thickened with starch until it has a consistency similar to gravy.

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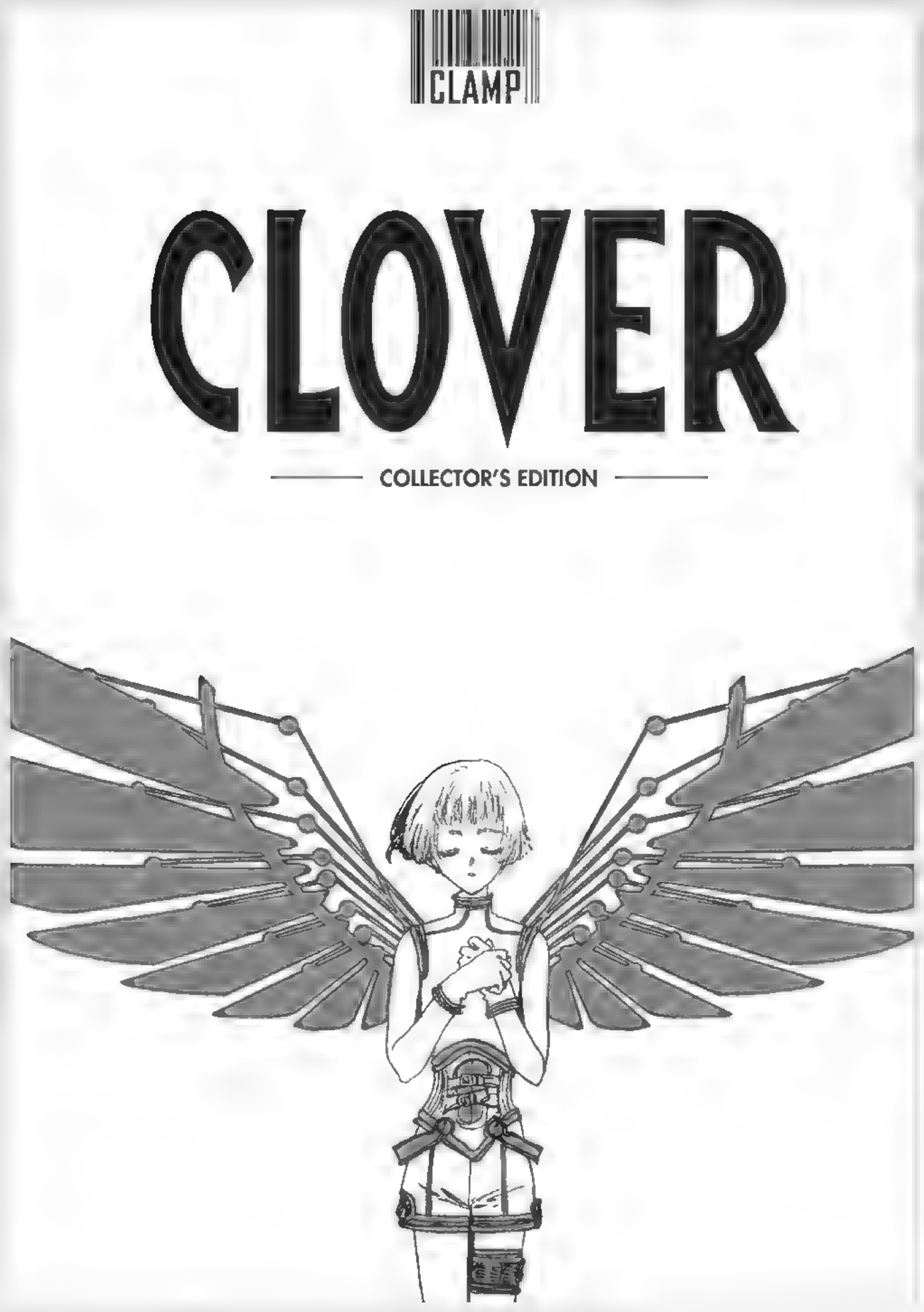

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Every new patient is a furry friend in the making!

THE SWEET SCENT OF LOVE IS IN THE AIR! FOR FANS OF OFFBEAT ROMANCES LIKE *WOTAKOI*

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In an office romance, there's a fine line between sexy and awkward... and that line is where Asako — a woman who sweats copiously — meets Koutarou — a perfume developer who can't get enough of Asako's, er, scent. Don't miss a romcom manga like no other!

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The adorable new odd-couple cat comedy manga from the creator of the beloved *Chi's Sweet Home*, in full color!

Praise for *Chi's Sweet Home*

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—School Library Journal

Sue & Tai-chan

Konami Kanata

Sue is an aging housecat who's looking forward to living out her life in peace... but her plans change when the mischievous black tomcat Tai-chan enters the picture! Hey! Sue never signed up to be a catsitter! *Sue & Tai-chan* is the latest from the reigning meow-narch of cute kitty comics, Konami Kanata.

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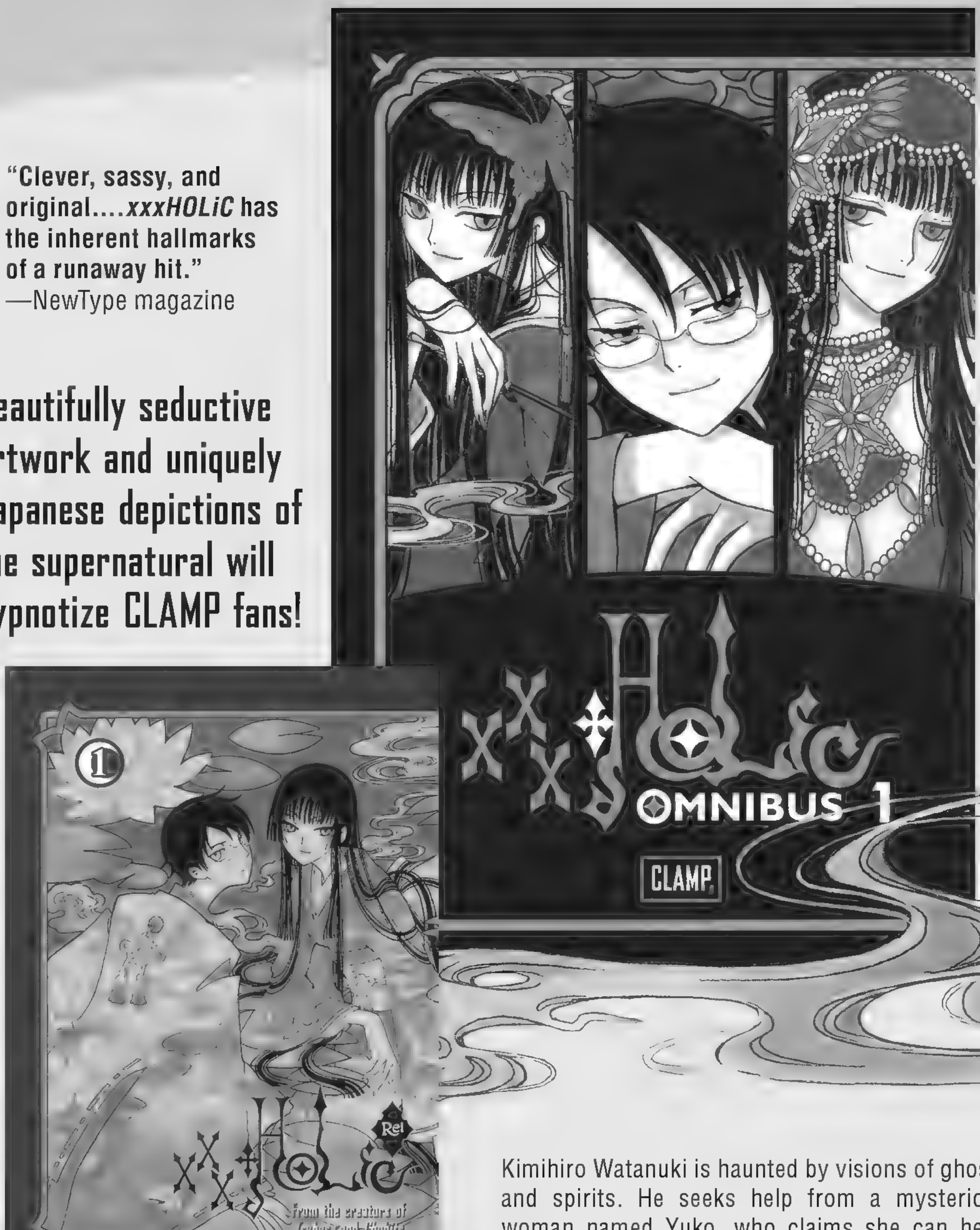

Kimihiro Watanuki is haunted by visions of ghosts and spirits. He seeks help from a mysterious woman named Yuko, who claims she can help. However, Watanuki must work for Yuko in order to pay for her aid. Soon Watanuki finds himself employed in Yuko's shop, where he sees things and meets customers that are stranger than anything he could have ever imagined.

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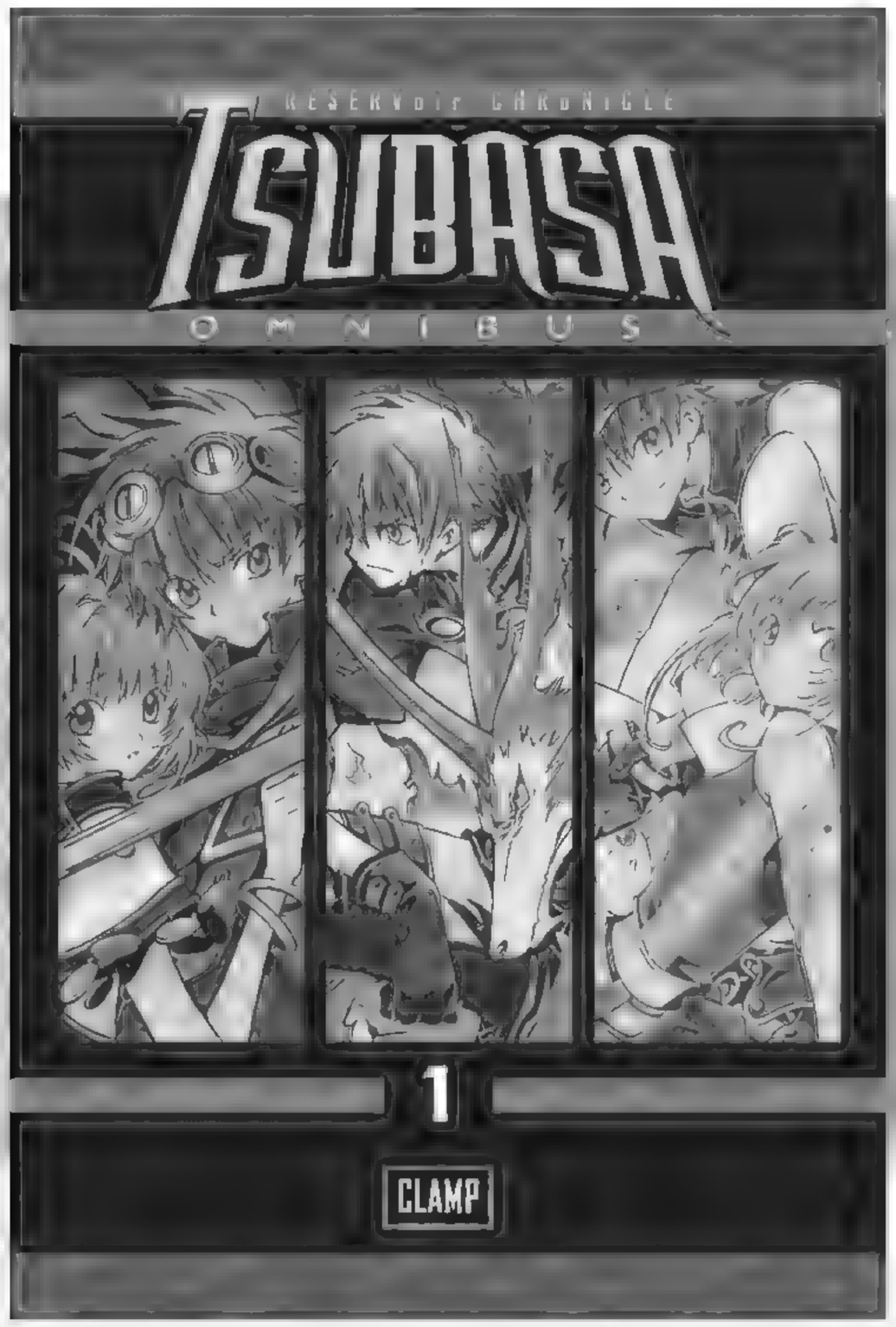

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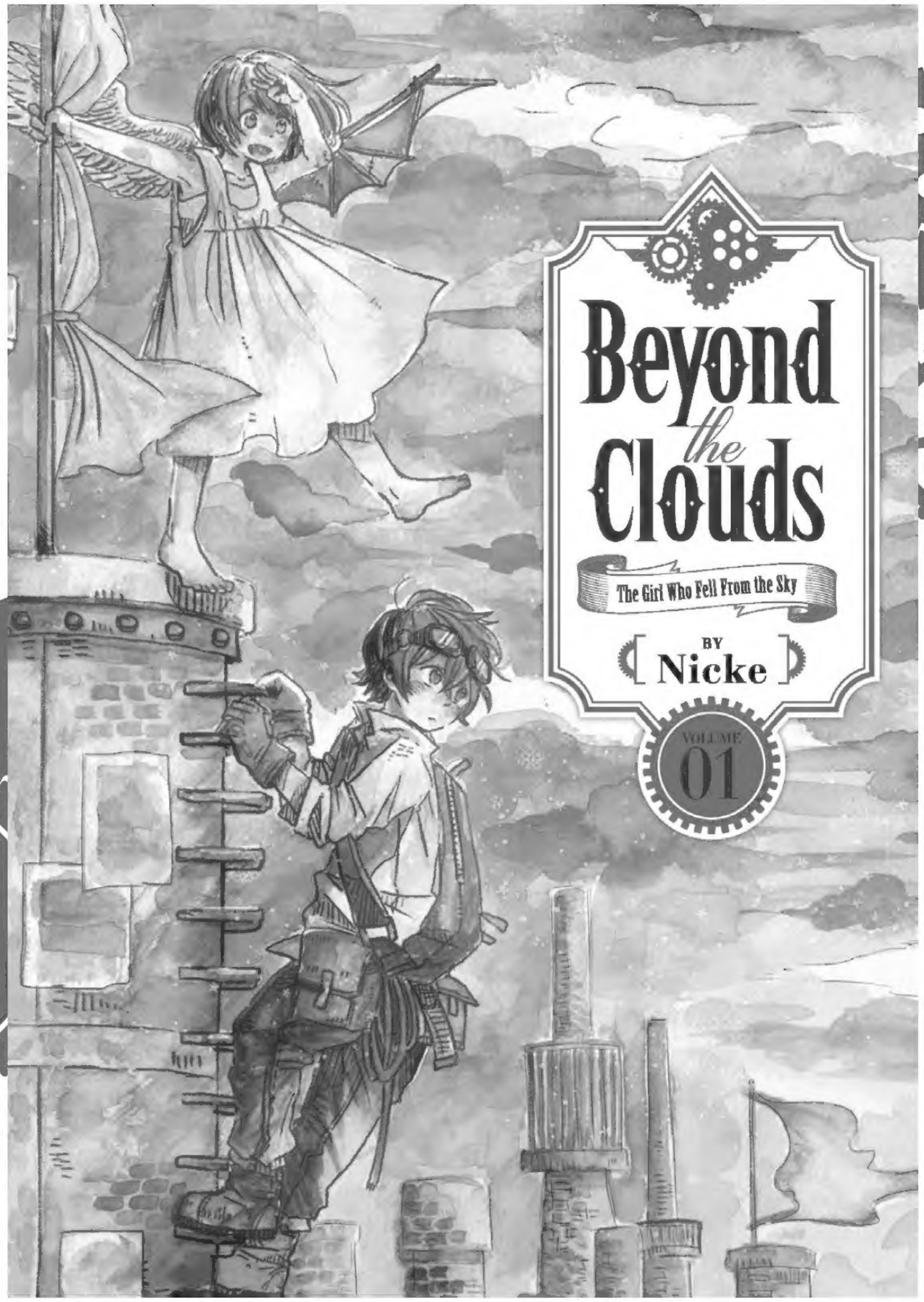

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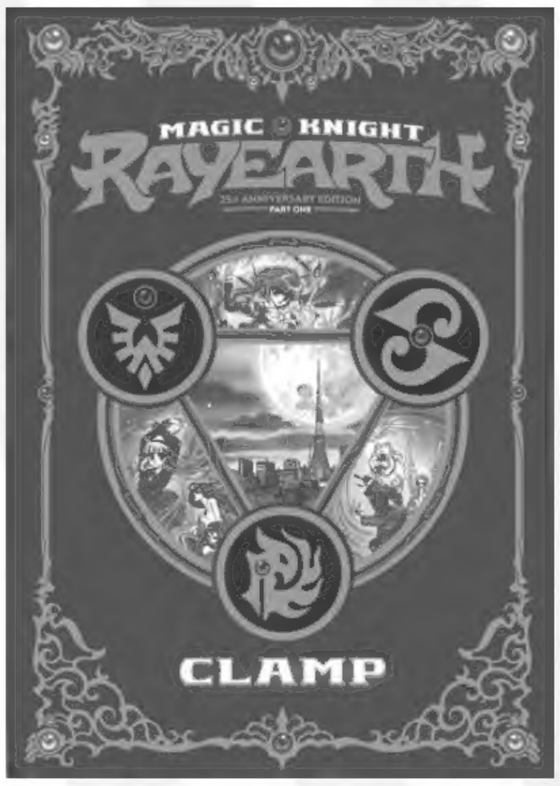

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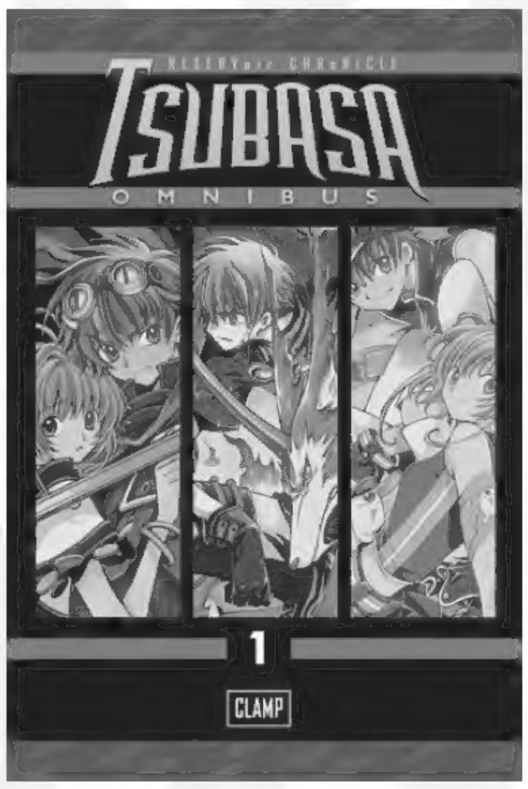

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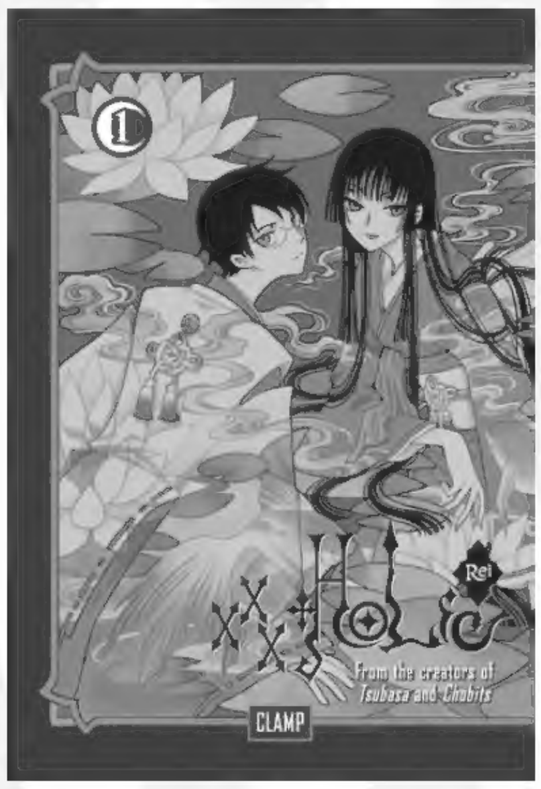

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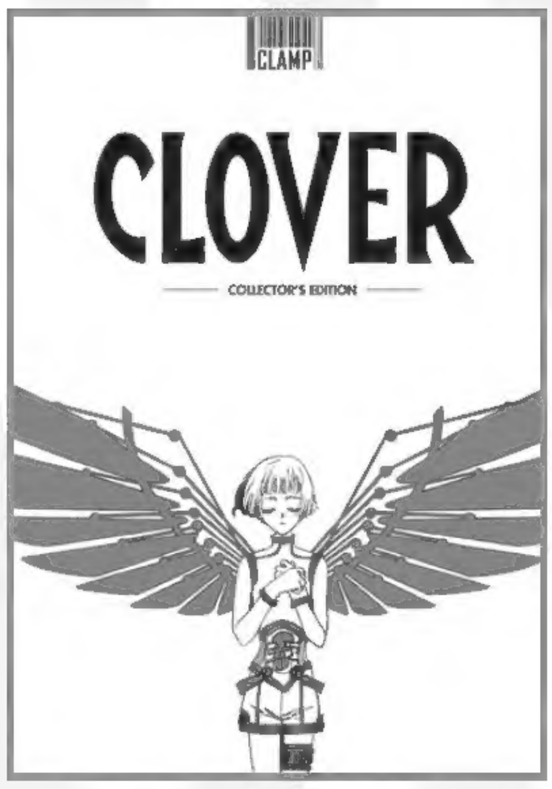

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